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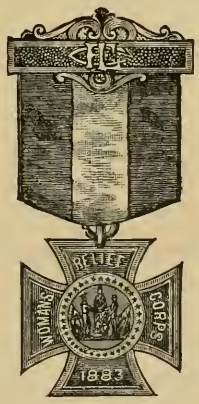

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99—1899-1900 Minnie D. Morgan.....Cottonwood Falls
9—1900-1901 Sarah M. Whitzell.....Lawrence
161—1901-1902 Jennie Walker..... Goodland

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Of the above, Louise Brown Hedrick, Edith M. Wood and Jennie Walker have passed away.

Ella Powell and Clara E. Junkerman are not now members of the order.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS

Tuesday—Afternoon Session

The twenty-fourth annual convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas, was called to order at 3 o'clock p. m. in the First Presbyterian church, by Department President Marian Stratton Nation.

Department President: The hour has arrived to open this convention. We are glad to meet and greet you. This being an open session, I most heartily welcome the comrades, friends and members of the order.

We have with us today a distinguished guest, our National President. Conductor, you will escort her to this platform.

Ladies, comrades and friends, it affords me much pleasure to introduce to you, Mrs. Kate E. Jones, national president of the Woman's Relief Corps. Convention salute.

An organ solo, "Largo," by Mendelsshon, was played by Mrs. Jennie Nutting Scheick. The invocation was given by Rev. Samuel Garvin, pastor of the church.

Addresses of welcome were given by Mayor D. E. Cornell, for the city, and Commander A. A. Brooks, for the G. A. R. Posts.

Department President: We will now listen to the address of welcome on behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps, by Mrs. Rose Walker Moeller, of Burnside Corps No. 1, of Kansas City.

Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, comrades and all patriotic visitors: In behalf of Corps No. 1, No. 22, No. 177, and No. 188, I welcome you:

In this day and age of commercialism and the mad rush for financial supremacy, there is so much that comes to us in life

which we accept as our rightful heritage, without questioning its benefits or privileges, little realizing what we are enjoying, unless, perchance, such blessings are withheld, and many forget even at what price such opportunities for success were made possible.

"Woman's sphere," of which we hear so much, has widened until it is only limited by the farthermost borders of Heaven. But in all its many public paths, there is none more important than the one you have chosen, especially that of "perpetuating the memory of our brave defenders" and the teaching of patriotism to the youths of our land. These two are inseperable. That nation is nearing the borders of decay that forgets the makers of its history, and youth are more easily taught by example than by abstract theory.

I think I may claim the privilege also of welcoming you in the name of our magnificent public schools, of which I am an Alumnus and former teacher. What more important work can woman do, after the sacred duties of the home, than that you are doing, for it is only home duties on a larger scale—this teaching of patriotism?

Instilling in the minds and hearts of the youth of our land, love and reverence for the flag and those who so nobly defended it, rounding out the school life of our future citizens and teaching them what constitutes American citizenship in its highest sense.

Impressing upon them that it is only as this nation's fame is kept unsullied, and its standard stainless, that they may be counted worthy keepers of this "Gem of the Ocean."

As one of you, sisters, I welcome you in the name of our motto F. C. and L.—"Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty."

"F. C. and L." also stands for "Faithful Citizenship Leagues." A citizenship that does not call every politician a statesman, and would like to say that every statesman is not a politician.

If read backwards "F. C. L." stands for Loyal Christian Freedom."

The kind of freedom that believes in doing unto others as ye would that they should do to you. And does not mistake liberty for license.

If read from the center, our motto stands for "Consecrated Laborers for the Flag." And as you gather here today from all over our fair state to sit at the feet of "Freedom's Muse" and hear from her the "well done" for past work faithfully performed,

and to plan for still more aggressive work, may the radiance of your patriotic fervor hallowed as it is by the blood of many loved ones, permeate the homes of our city, leaving with us a deep and abiding love for the flag, and making us to realize the sacred obligations we owe to its brave defenders.

Ever remembering our pledge "One Country, One Language and One Flag," may you never falter, but with brave hearts press forward with this

"Bit of color against true blue;
Hues of the morning, blue for true,
And red for the kindling light of fame.
And white for a nation's stainless name.
Oh! fling it forth to the winds afar,
With hope in its shining star:
Under its folds wherever found,
Thank God, we have freedom's holy ground.
Don't you love it, as out it floats
From schoolhouse peaks, and glad young throats
Sing of the banner that aye shall be
Symbol of honor and victory?
Don't you thrill when the marching feet
Of the jubilant soldiers shake the street,
And the bugle's shrill and the trumpet's call.
And the red, white and blue is over us all?
Don't you pray amid starting tears,
It may never be furled through age—long years?
A song for our flag our country's boast,
That gathers beneath it a mighty host;
Long may it wave o'er the goodly land,
We hold in fee 'neath our Father's hand,
For God and liberty ever more
May that banner stand from shore to shore
Never to those high meanings lost,
Never with alien standards crossed,
But always valiant and pure and true,
Our starry flag; red, white and blue."

And now, again, I welcome you.

Department President: The response to the address of welcome will be given by Mary M. Carson, Past Department President.

Mrs. Carson: Mrs. President, ladies of the convention, especially Corps members of Kansas City, Kansas, comrades, and visitors:

I appreciate the honor of making this response and the opportunity thus afforded of looking into your happy, earnest faces; but having filled a similar position at the Salina convention

two years ago, I felt much reluctance in accepting the very pleasant task.

However, "Ours not to question why," but simply to obey. In behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps delegates here assembled, I bring you, then, Mrs. Moeller, and the loving earnest Corps workers whom you represent, our warmest appreciation and heart-felt thanks for these happy greetings—and this generous welcome to your hearts and homes. We realize something of the arduous labor you have undertaken in providing for the comfort and pleasure of so many guests. We accept the kindness as a proof of your continued loyalty to the Grand Army of the Republic and its faithful auxiliary—the Woman's Relief Corps.

We come to transact the annual business of the department, to counsel together for the "Good of the Order," to exchange fraternal greetings, to seek enlarged vision, and to receive new inspiration for work.

We come in Nature's glad spring time—

"When the world is full of roses,
And the roses full of dew,
And the dew is full of Heavenly love,
That drips for me and you."

In the spirit of our motto, "Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty" we again gather round this "Altar by the Way," to rekindle the fires of patriotic devotion to our country, and to burn anew the incense of love and veneration for the brave, patriotic defenders of our nation and the noble, self-sacrificing women of our land.

We are pleased to remind our visiting friends that we represent the largest benevolent and patriotic organization of women in the whole world.

Our national order was founded at Denver, Colorado, in July 1883, with about fifty representatives and less than $50.00 in the treasury. The work since accomplished and the marvelous growth of the order have been matters of rejoicing to friends and astonishment to everybody.

Of course, Kansas outranks all neighboring states in zealous work in membership, having at the present time seven thousand (7,000) worthy members, while in the entire United States we have a membership of 155,500 devoted women. The National reports show that during the past year there has been expended for relief, patriotic teaching, and the observance of Memorial Day, a total of $166,960, with a cash balance in the

ANNA H. HALL
Department Secretary

treasury of $27,000; since our first organization there have been expended for these purposes over three millions of dollars. Truly, "A little one has become a thousand," and compared with our small beginning, this is a fair record of our first quarter century of existance.

The objects and aims of our order are fairly well known, yet questions are still asked as to why we work, grow and prosper.

Primarily, we exist because of the Civil War and the hundreds of thousands slain or perished in that war; and the other hundreds of thousands returned to their homes with maimed bodies or broken in health, because of the immediate relief and encouragement needed for them and their dependent ones; because of the thousands of widows and orphans who needed assistance; in later years because of the need and opportunity of rendering kindness and good cheer to the fast thinning ranks of veterans; because of the ever increasing need of patriotic teaching among both our Aliens and Americans; and because of the constant need of keeping our country's banner stainless.

"For the cause that lacks assistance,
For the wrong that needs resistance.
For the future in the distance,
And the good that we may do."

For the sake of keepng ever sacred the observance of Memorial Day and fostering the grand American spirit that gives honor to the living heroes and a willing tribute of flowers and tears for the dead.

For the sake of all these; in the name of all these we again thank you for this beautiful welcome today.

And to you, Mayor Cornell, we appreciate and thank you for the kind words of approval and the cordial expressions of welcome. We congratulate ourselves upon being invited to hold our convention in this, the largest city of our great state.

Those of us who come from Central and Western Kansas, with their great stretches of grassy plains and broad belts of waving wheat, but having few streams of water, find real delight in the varied scenery of the Eastern border. Your steps are refreshingly fatiguing, your noisy industries inspiring, and your packing house odors continue unsurpassed. Truly speaking, we enjoy the green sloping hillsides dotted with beautiful American homes, and the widening expanse of our classic Kaw as it pours its accumulated stores into the sweeping, muddy waters o fthe good, old Missouri.

As an organization pledged to the good of our country, we especially congratulate yourselves and people on your success in making this a law-abiding city. You have truly become a light on a hill, seen and admired from near and far. We are glad with you that the "scrubbing up" has been so thoroughly done that no Carrie Nation squad need be sent out by our convention to clean up the drinking places. But we have with us a Mrs. Nation, Marian S Nation, our Department President, and we are proud to assure you that with the cooperation of these loyal delegates, she will conduct a convention marked with such harmony, good sense, and business ability as will be a credit to your city as well as to the grand order we represent

We thank you, Mayor Cornell and friends, not only for this hospitable welcome, but for your manifest interest with ourselves, in good citizenship, good government, and in upholding our country's flag

"Your flag and my flag,
  And oh, how much it holds,
Of your land and my land,
  Secure within its folds.
The one flag, the great flag,
  The flag for me and you;
The glorified—all else beside;
  The red and white and blue."

A beautiful bouquet of roses was presented to Mrs. Carson by Mrs. Leyland from the Corps of Kansas City.

National President: Sisters and friends—I am more than pleased to be with you, if only for a short time. I have traveled many miles and shall continue to travel many more ere my work as National President is finished The order is in a very prosperous condition, made so by the loyality of the Corps in the Departments. One hundred and fifty-five thousand and five hundred women, of which Kansas is a part, are working for the same great cause. Our order is in existence, because of the war of the rebellion, in which hundreds and thousands of soldiers perished, while mothers, wives, daughters and loyal women were left behind to weep and work and wait. Some of the older ones among us, still remember those awful days of waiting. The women of today are just as loyal as when they heard the call to scrape lint and prepare bandages and care for the sick and wounded.

Mrs. M. V. Simmonds here presented to Mrs. Jones an arm bouquet of pink and white carnations

Department President: We had hoped to have Department Commander Campbell and other comrades with us at this time, but they have doubtless been detained, and as the time has arrived for the flag presentation to take place at the Sumner Colored High School, this meeting will adjourn to meet Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, ready for business. I trust all the officers and delegates will be in their places promptly.

The flag presentation to the white school will take place Thursday forenoon at 11:30. You are all invited to the Hotel Grund from 7:30 to 8:30. The Department officers and all Past Department Presidents will tender a reception to Commander in Chief Charles G. Burton and Staff, Department Commander Campbell and staff, and National President Kate E. Jones, and Chief of Staff Belle C. Harris, and will be pleased to meet all members of the Grand Army, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., and Sons of Veterans, and their Auxiliary, and all other friends. Chief of Staff May Murphy and her assistant Aides, such as she may select, will be ushers for the evening.

The meeting is now adjourned.

THE SOLDIER'S FLAG.

In age we reverence and love
The flag for which we fought in youth;
And ever may it wave above—
The flag of Freedom, Faith and Truth.
—Walt Mason.

FLAG PRESENTATION

At the close of the meeting, the Woman's Relief Corps, comrades and friends marched to the Sumner High School, where the "Stars and Stripes" was unfurled to the breeze.

Department President: Friends, we come to you today, with love of home and country in our hearts. The Woman's Relief Corps teaches that. We also teach patriotism and the upholding of our flag, the dearest flag to every American citizen. I take great pleasure in introducing to you Mrs. Kate E. Jones, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, to whom, you are indebted for this beautiful flag.

Mrs. Jones: Friends, representing 155,500 loyal members of the Woman's Relief Corps, I come to you today to perform a most pleasant duty. The great order which I have the honor to represent, is teaching patriotism and love of our country.

Patriotism is not only love of country, but it means abiding by the laws of state and nation.

The American flag is the safeguard of liberty. Take this flag as your standard, under its folds you can achieve greatness, above the mere accident of birth. You can even become of the nobility; indeed you are of the nobility, for you are free-born American citizens. Professor Patterson, in behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps, I present to you this flag.

Professor John E. Patterson: Mrs. Jones and members of the Woman's Relief Corps: I accept this beautiful flag on behalf of the Sumner Colored High School, and thank you; I am proud of the race to which I belong; proud of the fact that when the call came for soldiers to assist in saving this country we love so well, my race was as ready to go as was that of the white man. We love the flag all the dearer because it was bought with the blood of the black man as well as of the white, and one of the things of which I am most proud is, that no negro ever has raised his hand in anarchy against it. No attempt has ever been made by my race to put another flag over the Stars and Stripes, and if we are content under its folds, it is because we feel its protection. I thank you again and again.

As the flag was given into the hands of the standard bearers and its full folds waved in the breeze, the students burst into the strains of "The Star Spangled Banner," and sang it as only negros can sing, the while waving it in enthusiastic delight to the gracious gray-haired woman who had just presented them with the flag.

Miss Nellie Forde gave a patriotic recitation, after which the students sang "The flag that never touched the ground."

Wednesday—Morning Session

Convention called to order promptly at 9 a. m. by the Department President. The Department Chaplain, Sister Emma Ellis, invoked the Divine blessing The opening ode was then sung,

Department President: Ladies, I am going to ask, as a special favor, that each remove her hat during every session of the convention, and also that peace and harmony may prevail o'er our entire deliberations.

I will appoint as color bearers: Agnes Neff, of Corps No. 56; May Hallam, of Corps No. 150; Kate Lewis, of Corps No. 133; Kate Crawford, of Corps No. 66.

Color bearers, attention: To you I entrust our National Emblem—"The symbol of our chosen land." Guard it as a priceless treasure, remembering always the great sacrifice that has been made for it, and that it represents the power and greatness of our eighty millions of people.

As conductors of this convention: Ella C. Elstun, of No. 185; Bertha L. Ford, of No. 177; Olive J. Peters, of No. 63; Ida Heacock, of No. 76.

Conductors: You shall have the pleasure of escorting any visitors who may honor us with their presence, to the platform. You shall take up the password, distribute and collect ballots and perform any other duty required of you.

Pianist, Lillian Welsh, of No. 188.

Convention secretary, Belle C. Harris, of No. 70.

Guards: Dora Rogers, of No. 70; Jennie R. Marsh, of No. 39.

Guards: Upon your watchful care depends our security against interruption. You are to admit none without the proper password, unless otherwise ordered by the Department President.

The Past Department Presidents were invited to the platform. Present were: Belle C. Harris, Ida Wilson Moore, Lucy Reed Jones, Julia A. Chase, Margaret H. Griffith, Minnie D. Morgan, Emma E. Forter, Evalyn Bradford, Annie A. Apple, Mary M. Carson and Julia A. Campbell.

Department President: Ladies of this convention, behold these Past Department Presidents who have served you, each in her turn, to the best of her ability and who have helped to make this Department what it is today, second to none, and salute them with all the honors due to them.

Past National Senior Vice President Belle C. Harris, was then introduced and given the salute of the order, also the Past Department Treasurers, Evalyn Bradford, Helen A. Edwards, Mary M. Carson and Dora A. Weirman.

The Past Department Secretaries were then invited to the platform and Julia A. Chase, Belle C. Harris, Nannie J. Swan and Agnes A. Heigele responded, and were given the salute of the Order.

Department President: The convention will be seated by districts this afternoon and all who are not voting members will

take seats in the gallery. The guards will be in their respective places at 1:30 p. m., that none be admitted without the proper password.

Department Senior Vice President: Ladies, you will now give attention to the address of your Department President.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-fourth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas—Greeting:

The trust you confided to my keeping one year ago, at the beautiful city of Topeka, I return to you today with an account of my stewardship. My greeting to you is presented with a heart overflowing with gratitude to our Heavenly Father, who has guarded us and our beloved Order from harm and permitted us again to clasp hands in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. There are times when the heart is stirred and one's whole being is thrilled with enthusiasm. As I look into your faces and, in imagination, see the untold thousands who are bound to us with the silken cord of Fraternity, I realize the honor that has been paid to me. Hidden away in the silent bosom of the Alleghany mountains is a tiny spring; quietly, silently, unobtrusively it threads its way through meadows, glens and boulders, gaining momentum with every step, until it becomes the beautiful Ohio river; then stretching for hundreds of miles away, refreshing villages and towns, then mingling with the mighty Mississippi, it sweeps along till it reaches the ocean, and there, even there its influence is felt. So it is with us. The influence of our beloved Order, the Woman's Relief Corps, is inestimable. The sublime precepts which are taught in the beautiful and impressive lectures in our Ritual, spread like the leaven in the parable, until every fibre of humanity throbs in heartfelt response. Our mission is to do for others, not for ourselves; to give, not to receive.

There is today as there was in the days of the Rebellion, work which woman's hand alone, can do; and we stand ready to render to the Grand Army of the Republic any service they may require as they walk down the shady lane of life and watch the approach of the setting sun. The year just closing has been crowned with peace and harmony. The hours have been more than full, but only with pleasant tasks

Not a cloud has dimmed the clear sky. At times, along the

horizon a seeming cloud has arisen, but by counsel, and kindly words the small difficulties have been adjusted at once If, by some magic touch there could be made to appear in the report of each one of your officers, the life-energy and soul put into the work, of which it is the expression each one would speak of hours of consecrated labor and of sacrifices made unselfishly and uncomplainingly. I will admit that it was with fear and trembling that I attempted to follow in the footsteps of the long line of able and efficient Past Department Presidents who have preceded me. The best we can do is a poor approach to our ideal, and we can never accomplish the full measure of our desires.

I. At the beginning of my administration, I found Madison Corps, No. 23, and Hamilton, No. 100, just ready to disband; after conferring and visiting with them I found no alternative. but to send in their charter, each Corps having less than seven (7) members in good standing; some took transfers and went to Eureka. Two (2) members took transfers and joined No. 70 in Emporia. Two (2) new Corps have been instituted by your Department President, viz: Jules Williams, No. 263, at Oskaloosa, with eighteen (18) charter members; Orloff Norton, No. 264, at Le Roy, with sixteen (16) charter members; and both are good, loyal Corps, and an honor to the Department. At Wayne, No. 46 has been reinstated during the last quarter and we hope to have good reports from them in the future. We have now 7184 members in the Department and no delinquent Corps.

The new officers in 1908 have been slow in sending in the quarterly reports, but many of them were new in the work, which accounts for it. We have written nine or ten times to some Corps, before getting the reports. The report of the financial standing of the Department will be given by your Department Treasurer later and will show a good balance. A careful expenditure, as is consistent with the dignity and welfare of the Department, has been maintained. The growth of the Order, while increasing receipts, adds also to the cost of administration. I have used $77.23 for the good of the Order out of the $150 set aside for such purpose, returning $72.77 to the Department Treasurer.

II. A great many Corps are still asking to have the membership fee reduced to $1.00, including price of badge, but as this resolution was not approved, when presented to the National Convention last year, I would recommend that no further action be taken at this time in regard to this matter. ,

Inspection

III. Your Department Inspector, has filed a satisfactory report. On account of the cost of printing the same it was abbreviated to nearly one-half. In every case the Inspector and her assistants were courteously welcomed, their instructions and suggestions gladly received, and banquets and refreshments served to them. I fully realize that the problem of inspection is one of the most serious in our Department. I had the pleasure of inspecting and officially visiting, thirty-seven (37) different corps, and only regret my inability to have met with every corps in the Department. I sincerely hope the time may come when two or more competent persons, may instruct and inspect properly every corps in the Department of Kansas.

Patriotic

IV. This branch of our work has been in very efficient hands. Your patriotic instructor, Anna Heacock, has been untiring in her instruction. At this time, with the increasing number of foreign born children coming to our country and the spirit of anarchy abroad in our land, the necessity for this becomes imperative. A considerable amount has been reported as expended for patriotic work but it is smaller than it should be. Much may be done with little expense.

V. We are under many obligations to the press of our state for kindly notices given. To the "*Club Member*" for a department set aside and so ably edited, by the Department Press Correspondent, Kathryn Stanfield. To the "*Reveille*" and to our own *Emporia Gazette*, for the many favors extended to the Woman's Relief Corps.

Auditing

VI. To save the expense of President and Secretary the Auditing board was called to meet in Emporia early in October, 1907, and in February, 1908. Each time the books of the Treasurer and Secretary were audited and found to be correctly and carefully kept, and the interests of our Department as conscienciously guarded as though they were personal accounts. A final auditing here in Kansas City May 18 when the books were turned over to the Department Inspector Carrie D. Frisbie for her inspection. Her report and that of the chairman of the auditing committee will be given later.

District Conventions

VII. In accordance with a resolution adopted at the last convention, I had the "order of business," as arranged by Past Department President Mrs. Buckner, republished in General Orders No. 3, also the names of officers appointed to fill vacancies. The Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Seventh districts, report having held conventions, and received much benefit therefrom, although the hinderances were many.

VIII. The Department Journals for the years 1903 to 1907 inclusive, have been bound and placed on file in the Department. Owing to the difficulty in securing Journals for binding, I would recommend that outgoing Department Presidents, send to the Department President a sufficient number of Journals for future use for binding, also that hereafter they conform to a uniform size.

National Convention

IX. My trip to Saratoga in company with the Department Commander and his staff, the Department Secretary and delegates who attended, was one of unalloyed pleasure. Department Headquarters were early established at the United States hotel, and beautifully decorated with flags and sunflowers and our own W. R. C. banner. Our rooms were made beautiful with fresh flowers every day, but I must not anticipate the report of your alternate delegate at large, Alice Papes, who represented the delegate, Agnes Heigele, who was not present. Kansas was represented by the Department President, Department Secretary Anna H. Hall and Past Department Presidents Annie A. Apple, Belle C. Harris, and Julia A. Campbell.

Delegates—Ella Miller, Myra Sinclair, Irene Tarbell,.

Alternates—Alice Papes, Emma Fisher, Sarah Staplin, Daisy Papes, Marie Mathews, Hannah Sweeney and Hannah Tyler.

Sunflowers to the amount of $45.25 were sold and the Department returns thanks to all Corps contributing. Quite a number remain on hand ready for next convention. The Silver Jubilee fund of $6,000 was presented to the Grand Army by National President Carrie R. Sparklin. Kansas contributed $177.89.

Memorial Day

X. With its memories sad and sweet, Memorial Day will soon be with us. I repeat, let no soldier's grave, however obscure his resting place, or humble his service, be neglected or forgotten.

Our roll-call shows that 110 members of the Woman's Relief Corps have been transferred to God's roll-call, and a memorial service will be held in remembrance of their many virtues and fidelity to us.

XI. I found no Department charter, and after conferring with many Past Department Presidents, I wrote at once to the National President, Kate E. Jones, who desired me to procure a duplicate at once, which I did—at a cost of $2.50 to the Department. It happens that duplicate charters are asked for, and I find no record of charter names: Therefore I would recommend that the incoming President ask, through General Orders, each Corps secretary to send a list of charter member's names, obtained from their charter, and a record be kept hereafter in the Department.

XII. No National Journals have been bound since 1898—and I find no copies of 1899, 1900 and 1901. Therefore I would recommend that the incoming Department President secure said copies, and have them bound to date.

The Patriotic Instructors' names have been added to the Roster for 1908 in accordiance with decision No. 7 of last convention. Decision No. 8 was also fulfilled. No. 9, in regard to placing pictures in school rooms, etc., was out of my power to perform, but hope that it has or will be done. Decision No. 10 was promulgated in General Orders No. 3.

In regard to candidate for National President, I would say that I wrote the candidate, offering any service that a Department President might do. She was not present, nor did I receive any communication, as to whether she would be there or not, hence no nomination was made by any representative from Kansas, for National President.

Resolution, first, in regard to pensions. I wrote to our Congressmen asking their influence, and was assured most graciously of their consent, and you know of, the passage of said bill.

Resolution second. The committee appointed on Ossawatomie Battlefield to act in conjunction with a like committee from the Grand Army of the Republic is as follows: Past Department Presidents, Mrs. Ida Wilson Moore, Mrs. Julia A. Campbell, Mrs. Margaret H. Griffith, Mrs. Mary W. Buckner, and Cora M. Deputy, Past Corps President.

XIII. I desire to call the attention of the Woman's Relief Corps to what seems to me the deplorable absence of demonstrative

patriotism, in regard to our National Air, "The Star Spangled Banner." How often do we see an audience rise with an air of embarassment upon hearng it. Not so in foreign countries; the sound of a National air is the signal for instantaneous enthusiasm. Convention last year.

Anchored in the harbor of San Francisco is a great fleet of magnificent ships freighted with the flower of American manhood. At every port all over the world they are greeted with distinguished honors. Why? Not because they are displaying our ships of war, but because they represent the American people. They carry our flag to every land, it is kissed by every breeze, treated with the greatest respect, and there should be responsive sentiment in the heart of every true American. An expression of partriotism that must be forced is not greatly inspiring nor to be desired, but I think the Woman's Relief Corps, should by their influence stimulate a more fervid appreciation of our National Air, by at least always standing in respectful silence whenever it is rendered.

Correspondence

XIV. Over three thousand letters, including General Orders and Rosters, have been sent from Headquarters. And to all those who have sent kind messages, loving expressions and good wishes, I return my heart-felt thanks.

Courtesies

To Department Commander Campbell the Department owes a debt that can never be repaid. Our interests were his interests, and I shall always remember his loyalty to the Woman's Relief Corps, and return thanks for all courtesies received from himself and staff. Your Department Secretary has been faithfulness itself, and the Department Treasurer, by her previous knowledge, tact, and fine executive ability, has each in her own sphere, performed the duties assigned to her, and to me the association with each one will be one of the sweetest pictures that hangs on memory's wall.

To each one of my official family I have only words of praise, and as I pass the gavel to my successor, I can only wish for her such loyalty, such kindness as you have shown to me. You have been prompt and faithful in the discharge of every duty, and I trust the friendships formed will continue after our official relations have been severed.

To the Department Presidents of other Departments, I extend my thanks for so kindly remembering me with their General Orders. I certainly appreciated them. To our National President Kate E. Jones for her able counsel and approval and whose letters have been such frequent visitors that I have at times forgotten the many miles stretching between us, I shall always be under many obligations and wish for her continued success in her noble work. Now the last page is full and the record of my work is in your hands, trusting that no blot shall mar its pages and no blemish be found upon the trust confided to my keeping. To the Sons of Veterans and their auxiliary I desire to say, God bless you in your endeavor to assist the Veterans, and as I take a retrospective view of the past year's administration, I fully realize that this labor of ours is no child's play, and I desire to place this gavel of authority in the hands of one whom you may select, for her fitness, her ability and her willingness to continue in this great work.

To my own Corps No. 70 and Post No. 55: How can I express to you my appreciation of all your kindness, loyalty and love toward me, especially this last year, about which the most delightful memories will ever cling. May Heaven's choicest blessings be yours."

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

MARIAN STRATTON NATION,
Department President.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Offered by Department President

No. 1—I would recommend that no further action be taken at this time in regard to reducing the membership fee to $1.00 including price of badge.

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ment. Owing to the difficulty in securing Journals for binding. I would recommend that out-going Department Presidents send to the Department President a sufficient number of Journal for future use for binding, also that hereafter they conform to a uniform size.

Senior Vice President: The report will be referred to the fol lowing committee, Emma E. Forter, No. 206, Margaret H. Griffith, No. 70, Mary M. Carson, No. 208, Sarah J. Boone, No. 150, and Ida Grippen, No. 72.

Bouquets of carnations and roses were presented to Department President from the Kansas City and Argentine Corps.

Mrs. Shearer, Senior Vice President: Mrs. President, to me is given the honor of presenting to you the testimonial from this Department. It will come to you as no surprise, for all your predecessors have been treated just so. You have well earned it, for you have been untiring in your zeal for the welfare of the Woman's Relief Corps. We all know of your love and devotion to this work that is so dear to us all. Please accept this check of fifty dollars from the Department, with its best wishes:

Department President: Ladies, I accept this testimonial in the same kindly spirit in which it has been tendered and thank you for the same. It shall be invested in something in my home that will be a constant reminder of your loyalty to me, and of one of the most delightful years of my life. Again I thank you.

Carrie D. Frisbie: Mrs. President, your appointive officers bring to you this morning a little remembrance; appreciating the confidence you reposed in us, by making us a part of your official family, we still want to be remembered by you. We realize that you have worked early and late, that the Woman's Relief Corps might be a power in the community; and so in token of your friendship for us, we give to you these gold pins. We thank you for the honor you conferred upon us by choosing us as your helpers for this year. We have given you our best efforts, not for our own aggrandizement, but that this year's administration might be the very best of the twenty-four years now past. Accept these with our love and best wishes.

Department President: My dear officers, I do not need these beautiful gold pins to assure me of your friendship and love, but I am very pleased with them and can truthfully say to each one of you "well done, good and faithful servants." I thank you each again and again.

May Murphy, chief of Staff, then presented to the Department President, from the Department Aides, a set of solid silver teaspoons.

Department President: My dear Chief of Staff, you have been untiring in your efforts to serve me all through the year. Please convey to the Aides my grateful appreciation of this beautiful remembrance.

Department President: We will now have the Department Secretary's report.

Emporia, Kan., May 19, 1908.

Marian Stratton Nation, Department President, W. R. C.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with the laws of our order I herewith submith to you and to the members of the 24th Annual Conveention of the Department of Kansas Womans' Relief Corps, the following report of the membership and conditions of the corps in this Department:

GAIN AND LOSS FOR THE YEAR.

No. of members in good standing, March 31, 1907	6,703
No. gained by charter	34
No. gained by initiation	697
No. gained by transfer	67
No. gained by reinstatement from suspended	194
No. gained by reinstatement from dropped	51
No. gained by reinstatement delinquent reports	1,209
Total gain	2,252
Loss by death	110
Loss by honorable discharge	103
Loss by transfer	457
Loss by suspension	559
Loss by dishonorable discharge	35
Loss by delinquent reports	725
Total loss	1,989
Net gain	263
No. of members in good standing March 31, 1908	7,039
No. of members reported since then	49
New corps organized at Oskaloosa Sept. 7, 1907, members	18
New corps instituted at LeRoy, Jan. 8, 1908, members	16
Members in delinquent corps	None
Aggregate membership	7,088

Two corps have disbanded during the year:

Madison, No. 23, having 8 members,

Hamilton, No. 100, having 11 members.

These corps disbanded in regular form, sending in all supplies to Department Headquarters.

Wayne Corps No. 46 has been reinstated; a new charter has been furnished them and they will appear in next quarter's report.

The following corps have made greatest gains in membership during the year:

Frank P. Blair, No. 32—Galena	43
Garfield, No. 40—Wichita	43
Harper, No. 156—Harper	19
Sherman, No. 91—Ness City	17
Franklin, No. 3—Olathe	13
E. P. Shelden, No. 37—Burlingame	12
Humphrey, No. 260—Neodesha	11
John A. Logan, No. 51—Salina	10
Arkansas City, No. 56	9
Peabody, No. 99	9
W. H. Lyttle, No. 11, Fort Scott	8
P. B. Plumb, No. 70—Emporia	8
Silas Miller, No. 14—Canton	7
W. H. Grimes, No. 104—Atchison	7
Erie, No. 261—Erie	7
Hiawatha, No. 42—Hiawatha	6
Dahlgren, No. 57—Rush Center	6
George Ellis, No. 254—Ellis	6
Hackelman, No. 84—Cherryvale	5

The following have a membership of 100 or more:

Garfield, No. 40—Wichita	194
Joe Hooker, No. 111—Hutchinson	177
P. B. Plumb, No. 70—Emporia	147
Washington, No. 9—Lawrence	136
Kearney, No. 67—Washington	136
Lew Gore No. 43—Manhattan	132
McCook, No. 145—Iola	111
Topeka, No. 94—Topeka	110
McPherson, No. 117—Independence	107
Arkansas City, No. 56—Arkansas City	103
G. G. Gage, No. 66—Topeka	103

RELIEF EXPENDED DURING YEAR.

Cash expended	$1,629.32
Relief other than money	2,586.45
Total amount	$4,215.77
Total number of persons assisted	1,435.00
No. of soldiers assisted	298.00

From department headquarters have been issued blank quarterly reports for four quarters, Memoial Day blanks, rosters for 1908, four circular letters from National, two circular letters from Department, and one cicular letter from Division Commander of the Sons of Veterans, Charles E. Martin, of Parsons; nine National General Orders and six Department General Orders; two passwords, National and Depart

PAULINE L. BENTLEY
Department Treasurer

ment; fifty-three commissions; election returns, inspection blanks, credential cards, besides reports and returns made to National Headquarters. Countless numbers of letters have been received, and not one remains unanswered, that required an answer. Many letters have been written to Presidents of Corps who were slow in sending in reports. I have in mind, two or three corps that we wrote to nine or ten times, asking for their reports, but I am glad to say they were received at last. I would urge each corps President to examine reports carefully before sending them to Headquarters, and know that Secretary's and Treasurer's reports agree. During the past year we have been compelled to return some for correction, as the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports differed, and to these corps who had their reports returned, I want to extend my thanks for the courteous manner with which they received and returned them corrected. Also be careful that the per capita tax is made payable to the Treasurer, but sent to the Secretary, who forwards all to the treasurer, who receipts for them. I have received nothing but kindness from all the Department and I wish to express my appreciation of the same to every Corps. The year just closing has been a pleasant one to me. The kindly words and letters from our members have been an inspiration, and will always be remembered and treasured, and although I may never know you all personally, you will always have a warm place in my heart. It was my great pleasure to attend the encampment at Saratoga, in company with the Department President and others; the time was most agreeably and profitably spent there. I feel very grateful to our Department Treasurer for her kindly advice and valuable suggestions at all times. I treasure her acquaintance. To you, my dear President, I wish to express my gratitude and appreciation of the kindness you have shown me. I thank you for the confidence you reposed in me, in selecting me for your Secretary. Our acquaintance has been of many years' standing, and I trust the past year has welded it more firmly than ever. The many hours we have spent together have been both pleasant and profitable to me, and the past year will live in my memory as one of the brightest visions of my life's journey, and to my successor I will wish that the year to come may be as pleasant to you, in your relations to the department officers, as the past has been to me. Let us never forget the old soldier and his dependent ones, and always keep before us the motto of our beloved order—Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Respectfully submitted, ANNA H. HALL,
Department Secretary.

President: This report is referred to the following committee; Agnes A. Heigele, Corps No. 145, Nannie J. Swan, No. 208, Ida Wallace, No. 113, Maggie Nycum, No. 25, and E. M. Fulton, No. 27. You will now give attention to the report of Department Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report

Mound City, Kan., May 13, 1908.

Mrs. Anna H. Hall, Department Secretary, W. R. C., Emporia.

My Dear Madam: I have the honor herewith to submit my report covering the period of time from May 13, 1907, to May 15, 1908.

Pauline L. Bentley, Department Treasurer, W. R. C., in account with the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas.

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in fund, May 13, 1907		$788.57
Received from sale of supplies	$877.14	
Received from Charter Fees	10.00	
Received from Regular Per C. Tax,	1,890.49	
Received from Delinquent Per C. Tax	90.93	
Received from Marian S. Nation, Dept. Pres., balance of her "official allowance"	72.77	
Received from Marian S. Nation, Dept. Pres., from sale of second-hand supplies	5.40	
Received from Mary M. Carson, Dept. Con's'l'r., balance refunded from Dept. Journal, printing	2.50	2,949.23
Total Receipts		$3,737.80

DISBURSEMENTS.

Marian S. Nation, Department President—	
Official Allowance	$ 150 00
National Convention Allowance	50 00
Incidentals	25 00
Postage for President and Secretary	63 00
Total	$ 288 00
Charlotte E. Wright, National Treasurer—	
Supplies	$ 699 21
Reg. per capita Tax	540 14
Del. per capita Tax	32 24
Total	$1271 59
Anna H. Hall, Department Secretary—	
Salary	$ 291 67
Auditing expense	30
Incidentals	1 90
Total	$ 293 87
Pauline L. Bentley, Department Treasurer—	
Salary	$ 291 67
Auditing Expense	14 47
Incidentals and Office Expense	114 55
Total	$ 420 69

Monitor Press—	
Printing Department Journals for Mary M. Carson, Past Department President	$ 178 20
Half-tones, Mailing Envelopes and Express on same	26 80
Total	$ 205 00
Mary M. Carson, Department Counselor—	
Postage on Department Journals	17 00
Postage on Department Correspondence	1 25
Total	$ 18 25
Mary W. Buckner, preparing convention minutes for publication	$ 3 50
Powers Book Bindery, binding department journals	1 50
Donations to "The Southern Memorial Fund" returned	12 21
C. C. Wyandt, Premium on Treasurer's Bond	15 00
Carrie D. Frisbie, Department Inspector, for postage	6 45
Almira Roberts, Auditing Expense	14 50
Lettie Eldred, Auditing Expense	7 85
Olive Russell, Auditing Expense	9 45
Nannie J. Swan, Postage and Express	2 00
Flora I. Huss, money refunded	3 77
Eliza Brown Daggett, Department Charter etc.	2 50
Anna Heacock, Past Inspector, Postage	4 16
Per Capita Tax Supplied,	16
Exchange on new work	60
Total Disbursement	$2670 11
Balance	$1067 69
Relief Fund—	
Balance in Fund May 13, 1907	$ 508 15
Received interest on daily deposits	11 55
Total	519 70
Balance	519 70
Flag Fund—	
Balance in Fund May 13, 1907	$ 7 04
Received from Corps	40 75
Total	$ 47 79
Balance	$ 47 79

Andersonville Property Fund—	
Balance in Fund May 13, 1907,	$ 2 15
Received from W. R. C. No. 156	1 00
Total	$ 3 15
Balance	$ 3 15
Southern Memorial Fund—	
Balance in Fund May 13, 1907	$ 1 25
Received from Corps	4 50
Total	$ 5 75
Balance	$ 5 75
Jubilee Fund—	
Balance in Fund May 13, 1907	$ 6 25
Received from Corps	90 80
Total	$ 97 05
Disbursements—	
Charlotte E. Wright	77 89
General Fund Exchange of Receipting	$ 1 08
Total	$ 78 97
Balance	$ 18 08
Hugh Brady Special Relief—	
Balance in Fund May 13, 1907	$ 17 10
Received from Corps	3 00
Total	$ 20 10
Balance	$ 20 10
Loyal Women's Monument Fund—	
Balance in fund May 13, 1907	$ 1 25
Received from Corps	35 60
Total	$ 36 85
Balance	$ 36 85
Sunflower Fund—	
Received from Marian S. Nation Department President from sale of Sunflowers at National Convention at Saratoga Springs	$ 45 25
Balance	$ 45 25
Summary of Balances—	
General Fund	$1067 69
Relief Fund	519 70
Flag Fund	47 79

Andersonville Property Fund	3 15
Southern Memorial Fund	5 75
Jubilee Fund	18 08
Loyal Women Monument Fund	36 85
Hugh Brady Fund (Special)	20 10
Sunflower Fund	45 25
Total in all Funds	$1764 36
Value of Supplies on hand	238 49
Total Assets	$2002 85

As in duty bound, I submit the foregoing.

Let not him who girdeth on his harness boast himself, as he that putteth it off."

I have not done the one, neither shall I do the other.

My work is left to the censure or commendation of my censors as they shall find it unworthy or worthy.

I have no reason to make invidious distinction among the officers with whom it has been my duty and pleasure to transact business

I appreciate the uniform kindness and urbanity with which each and all of them have treated me, and return to them my sincere thanks for their kind forbearance extended to me while discharging, as best I could, the arduous and often perplexing duties of my station.

To the entire membership of the Corps in this Department I express my thanks for their kindness to me.

May a benign Heaven shower upon each of you its choicest blessings is my earnest and ardent prayer.

Pledging to our beloved Order the same loyal devotion in the future as in the past. This report is respectfully submitted in Friendship, Charity and Loyalty.

PAULINE L. BENTLEY,
Department Treasurer W. R. C.

Treasurer's Supplemental Report

May 15 to May 21, 1908 Inclusive

ANNA H. HALL, Department Secretary, W. R. C.

Dear Madam: I have the honor to submit to you the following report of receipts and disbursements from May 15 to May 21, 1908, inclusive.

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS

Balance on hand May 15, 1908	$1067 69
Received from Delinquent Tax	3 43
Received from sale of supplies	9 79
Received from Southern Memorial Fund by transfer	5 75
Received from Sunflower Fund by transfer	45 25
Received from Hugh Brady Fund by transfer	20 10

Received from L. W. Fund, Ex. of Rec't'g.....	1 50
Received from Flag Fund, Ex. of Rec't'g	1 86
Total receipts	$1154 92

DISBURSEMENTS

Marian S. Nation, Department President.	
Convention and Auditing Expense.....	6 13
Carriage hire, etc.., for National President.....	7 20
Ribbon etc., Postage and Express.....	2 65
Testimonial from Department	50 00
May Murphy, Department Senior Aide, Express and Postage	3 25
Emporia Gazette, Department Printing to date....	16 75
Almira Roberts, auditing and convention expenses..	6 70
Dora Wierman, Convention Greetings.....	1 80
Olive Russel, Auditing and Convention Expenses	15 95
Carrie D. Frisbie, Auditing Department Books, (one day's work)	1 00
Sarah Staplin, Auditing Department Books, (one day's work)	1 00
Anna H. Hall, Department Secretary:	
Salary for May	16 67
Auditing and Convention Expense	5 00
Pauline L. Bentley, Department Treasurer.	
Salary for May .....$	16 67
Express freight and drayage on department trunk, hack fare and hotel bill	9 25
Mary M. Carson, Department Counselor—	
Postage and Stationery	50
Belle C. Harris, Convention Secretary	10 00
Julias A. Chase, Convention Expense	2 00
Total Disbursements	$ 172 50
Balance in General Fund .....$	982 42
Relief Fund—	
Balance in Fund May 15, 1908 .....$	519 70
Disbursements—	
Sue Herman, President W. R. C., No. 119, for benefit of sick member .....$	25 00
Balance .....$	494 70
Loyal Women Monument Fund—	
Balance in Fund May 15, 1908 .....$	36 85
Received from Corps No. 104	88
Total Receipts .....$	37 73
Disbursements—	
General Fund Expense of Receipting .....$	1 05
Balance .....$	36 68

The Hugh Brady Fund—	
Balance in Fund May 15, 1908	$ 20 10
Transferred to General Fund May 21, 1908	$ 20 10
The Southern Memorial Fund—	
Balance in Fund May 15, 1908	$ 5 75
Transferred to General Fund May 21, 1908	$ 5 75
Flag Fund—	
Balance Receipts in Fund May 15, 1908	$ 47 79
Received from Corps	4 50
Total Receipts	$ 52 29
Disbursements—	
To Captain Wallace Foster—	
Flag for Kansas City High School	$ 41 45
Express	1 86
Total Disbursement	$ 43 31
Balance	$ 8 98
Andersonville Property Fund—	
Balance in Fund May 15, 1908	$ 3 15
Balance in Fund May 21, 1908	$ 3 15
The Jubilee Fund—	
Balance in Fund May 15, 1908	$$ 18 08
Balance in Fund May 21, 1908	$ 18 08
Sunflower Fund—	
Balance in Fund May 15, 1908	$ 45 25
By Transfer to General Fund	$ 45 25
Summary of Balances—	
Balance in General Fund	$ 982 42
Relief Fund	494 70
Flag Fund	8 98
L. W. Mou Fund	36 68
Jubilee Fund	18 08
Andersonville Property Fund	3 15
Balance in all Funds	$1544 01

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

PAULINE L. BENTLEY,
Department Treasurer.

Committee on Treasurer's report is as follows: Evalyn Bradford, No. 74, Florence Bradford No. 171, Hattie Palmer No. 161, Ella Bickell, No. 206 and Mary E. Clogston, No. 133.

Visitors from the Department of Missouri were admitted.

Conductor: Mrs. President, I take pleasure in presenting Mrs.

Cook, President of Farragut-Thomas Corps No. 11 of Kansas City, Mo., and her officers—Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Barrick, Mrs. Hinkle, Mrs. Byran, Mrs. Glenn, Mrs. Bazzell, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Boone.

President: Ladies of our sister Department of Missouri, I am glad to extend to you the greetings of Kansas in convention assembled. You are very welcome and I hope you can attend all our sessions.

Emma C. Cook, president of the above Corps gave a few words of greeting—

President: Ladies, I want especially to introduce to you Anna B. Hinkle, once my own Corps President, and who initiated me into the Woman's Relief Corps. Convention Salute.

President: Mrs. Margaret Mathews of Sumner Corps No. 22 of Kansas City has a welcome for us.

Mrs. Mathews: Mrs. President, officers, delegates, and members of the Twenty-fourth Annual Convention, in meeting you for the first time as a delegate to the Woman's Relief Corps Department Convention, in behalf of Sumner Relief Corps, No. 22, I extend to you a most cordial welcome to the metropolis of Kansas.

I assure you with all truthfulness that this welcome is not simply from the lips, but from our hearts.

The honor of saluting this august body or even being eligible to sit in its midst, is a new but very pleasant one to me.

It has been said that, "It was the loyalty of the women of this country, without regard to whether they had relatives at the front or not, who did the noble work of caring for the soldiers," and now, as then, it is loyalty or fidelity that counts.

Judging from the appearance of such a vast number of earnest, pleasant women here assembled, it seems that the same loyalty which characterized those noble women of war times, is very prevalent now.

In the words of the poetess;

"Let us scatter the germs of the beautiful
  In the depths of the Human soul!
They shall bud and blossom and bear the fruit,
  While the endless ages roll.
Plant the flowers of charity,
  The portals of the tomb
And the fair and the pure about thy path
  In Paradise shall bloom."

We are here today, as representatives of a branch of women that is said to be "the largest body of business women in the world," and one of our noblest objects, if properly carried out, is the one that encourages "liberty and justice to all."

Christ has also taught our greatest principle, "Charity to all," from His Divine Word. Then why should any of us be too proud to institute and inculcate this same love in emulation of this Great Teacher, to the humblest and most ignorant human being.

While we are gathered here today, from every section of the state, let us not forget these important objects and let us be united in sentiment and thus lighten the work of the assembly, so that this session will go down in the annals of history as the most successful yet held.

We welcome you to our city of 100,000 inhabitants, also to all of its enjoyments; and submit whatever our city affords, to your inspection as an assurance of our prosperity and hospitality.

Hoping that all will enjoy themselves to the fullest extent while here, and that we will have a most successful convocation, in behalf of Sumner Relief Corps No. 22, I bid you a most pleasant welcome.

Welcome to our hearts and homes,
And of our state's pride share,
Thrice welcome to our city here,
'Tis welcome, welcome, every where.

President: Mrs. Mathews, I thank you for your words of welcome. Committees on reports are as follows.

Senior Vice President: Mary E. Bradley, No. 41; Annie Duffy, No. 27; Ida McKelvey, No. 39; Irene Tarbell, No. 52; Susan Norton, No. 148.

Junior Vice-President: Carrie Cook, No. 4; Mary E. Jenkins, No. 22; Melissa Hurst, No. 189; Mary Crandall, No. 187; Mary E. Palmer, No. 87.

Inspector: Ellen Smith, No. 70; Maggie Mott, No. 263; Alice M. David, No. 264; Sarah A. Foster, No. 43; Mary Lynn, No. 260.

Counselor: Florence A. Bunn, No. 241; Maggie Dormblaser, No. 53; Una M. Kessler, No. 4; Belle Crum, No. 37; Emma Barns, No. 91.

Chaplain: Charity Horner, No. 178; Mary B. Hibbard, No. 242; Ella Eppler, No. 254; Hattie Marshall, No. 29; Mary Hardy, No. 70.

Patriotic Instructor: Lila C. Godfrey, No. 71; Lina Lyman, No. 57; Hulda Barrett, No. 59; Luella P. Reed, No. 71; Cordelia Kenyon, No. 74.

Instituting and Installing: Ursa Teeter, No. 77; Sarah J. Brundage, No. 92; Jennie Thomas, No. 96; Fannie J. Loader, No. 10; Emma Jolliffe, No. 99.

Press Correspondent: Anna E. Houghton, No. 11; Belle Woodward, No. 112; Cecil Kalb, No. 102; Charlotte Mundell, No. 155; Mary Richardson, No. 174.

Senior Aide: Hettie Comstock, No. 200; Sarah L. Guthrie, No. 179; Ida Wood, No. 190; Mary J. Wagner, No. 194; Emolyn Norman, No. 3.

Committee to visit the Grand Army: Julia Campbell, No. 111; Lucy Reed Jones, No. 149; Annie A. Apple, No. 145; Julia A. Chase, No. 42; Minnie D. Morgan, No. 99.

To visit Ladies of G. A. R.: Florence A. Fitch, No. 9; Ella Miller, No. 47; Sarah Staplin, No. 254; Ida Dye, No. 43; Adelia Scott, No. 73.

To visit Sons of Veterans: Dora Rogers, No. 70; Charlotte Hall, No. 47; Lillian A. Hendricks, No. 84; Freda Lyon, No. 247; Laura Coffman, No. 261; Nora Munson, No. 10.

To Visit Auxiliary to Sons of Veterans: Emma Church, No. 230; Frances A. Deboe, No. 66; Sophia Norton, No. 172; Mary Coons, No. 149; Emma Harding, No. 146.

Resolutions: Julia A. Chase, No. 42; Helen A. Edwards, No. 190; Mary R. Fox, No. 6; Barbara E. Pond, No. 11; Mary C. Walker, No. 104.

Greetings and Courtesies: Dora A. Weirman, No. 77; Emma Eastman, No. 117; Melissa Hoffman, No. 76; Martha Pinyerd, No. 111; Sarah Parker, No. 56.

The Past Department Chaplains, Mary Hardy, No. 70; Mollie Eppenauer, of No. 145; and Frances De Bowe, of No. 66; were introduced by Department President and given the salute of the Order.

Mr. Tracy was admitted and sang "Around the Campfire Tonight," accompanied by Miss Kelley. The Department President thanked them for their music.

The Guard announced that Department Commander R. A. Campbell was in waiting.

President: I will ask Past Department President Julia Campbell, wife of the Commander, to escort him into this convention.

Mrs. Campbell: Mrs. President, it gives me much pleasure to present to you the Commander of the Department of Kansas, Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander Campbell: Mrs. President and Sisters of the Woman's Relief Corps, I am glad to be here. Our encampment closed its session early and so I took the first opportunity to come and pay my respects to our auxiliary. Mrs. President, we have worked side by side this year for the upbuilding of the Grand Army and your order. I am pleased to report that our order has grown, and of course yours has too. I realize that not many years are left in which we can get recruits, but your organization with its loyal women will live on forever. I want to extend my heartiest congratulations on the good work your order has and will accomplish.

Quoting from Commander Campbell's address, he has this to say of the Woman's Relief Corps:

This organization is the pride of the Grand Army of the Republic. As an organization it numbers 150,000 members; in the state of Kansas, 7,000 members. This organization is composed of the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of the Civil war veterans, together with the loyal and patriotic women of our land, without whose generous and self-sacrificing and loyal support during the Rebellion, at home and in the field and hospital, in alleviating the distress and comforting the sick, the suffering of our soldiers would have been immeasurably enhanced. Since the termination of that great and terrible struggle the same loyal and patriotic blood continues to flow in the veins of the loyal and patriotic women of our beloved land. To loyalty and true patriotism I always take off my hat, whenever and wherever found. Comrades, this association of women, the auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, has poured out at the feet of our comrades in distress since their organization over three millions of dollars for relief, besides untold relief in other than money. Not being satisfied with this investment, it has aided the several Posts in this broad land of ours by many contributions; and still being unsatisfied with these acts of beneficence, by its president came into the Encampment at Saratoga in 1907 and placed in the coffers of the National Encampment the sum of $6,000.

These women, brave and true today,
Still seek to cheer the soldiers' way
By caring for the needy few
Whose storm of life will soon be through.

O banded sisters, loyal, true,
By love's chain bound to dare and do,
Yours is sweet charity, indeed,
A blessing to all soldier need.

Department President: Commander Campbell, on behalf of this convention, I thank you for this friendly visit to us, and we all appreciate the patriotic spirit and love of duty that prompted your, presence here today. Please accept this bunch of roses.

A committee from the Grand Army was admitted, composed of Past Department Commanders Bernard Kelly and Charles Harris and Comrades Herrick and Dumenil.

President: Comrades, we are pleased to receive your visit at this time. Convention, salute these comrades.

President: Ladies, I have the pleasure of introducing Past Department Commander, Bernard Kelly.

Comrade Kelly: Mrs. President and Sisters of the Woman's Relief Corps, I come as a member of this committee from the Grand Army Encampment to bring its greetings. It is right and proper that the Grand Army should appreciate the work that is being done by the Relief Corps, and should acknowledge it. We feel you have even done more than could have been expected, when you were organized. You are doing a work that the Grand Army could not do and we want you to know that the old boys appreciate it. You have many fine workers among you. Now here is Mrs. Harris. I have known her from a child and you may not believe it, but I taught her how to sing. She has cheered the old boys for a good many years in campfires with her splendid voice. I hope she can use it for many more. Women of the Relief Corps, you have been and are today the main stay in keeping many of the Posts together, who would have surrendered their charters, were it not for you loyal women. You are business like in all phases of your work, and I bring you this tribute, that any one looking over the records of the Woman's Relief Corps, will say, "They know how to conduct their affairs on business principles as well as the charity work they do.

I am sure that your organization under the guidance of your Department President, will continue as in the past to maintain the reputation you have in dispensing charity and sympathy to those who so much need to be remembered.

Comrade Harris, Past Department Commander: Dear Sisters of the Woman's Relief Corps: We bring you greetings from the Grand Army of the Republic. If there is one duty more pleasant

than another to a Grand Army man it seems to me that duty is to be a member of the committee to visit the W. R. C. It is the one particular duty to which I always aspire when attending an Encampment, and when I am not appointed on the committee I generally manage to join it, so I can go and greet the grandest woman's organization that exists, or that ever will exist. While the membership of your organization consists largely of the wives, widows, daughters, sisters and other relatives of veterans, yet it admits to its ranks all loyal women. All it requires is that a woman shall be of good character, never has aided or abetted treason in any form, and is willing to assist you in your great and good labor in the interest of the veterans, his widow and dependent ones. And it seems to me that to the loyal woman especial credit is due, because her work in the interest of the veterans must be purely a work of patriotism and loyalty. From our wives, our sisters and other relatives we expect that assistance in distress which is our due from them, even were they not as loyal or as patriotic as they generally are found to be. But the woman who is not a relative of a veteran who joins the ranks of the W. R. C., must do so for a pure and holy love of her country and its defenders. God bless the members of the Woman's Relief Corps, and especially those classed as the "Loyal Women."

Comrades Herrick and Dumenil each gave a few words of greeting.

President: Comrades, I want to thank you for the complimentary words you have spoken of the Woman's Relief Corps and their work. Please accept the badge of our convention.

The comrades retired amid the waving of handkerchiefs, and inspiring music.

The 400 printed reports of the officers were then distributed and the Guards were instructed to be promptly in their places at 1 p. m. and admit no one without the password.

Convention adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

Reports of Department Officers

Report of the Senior Vice-President.

Anna H. Hall, Department Secretary of Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas:

In compliance with Rules and Regulations, I herewith submit the following report:

I appreciate the honor bestowed on me by a unanimous vote of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, held at Topeka last May, and, although sickness has made it necessary for me to pass nearly the whole term of office in Albuquerque, New Mexico, I have been ready at all times to obey any orders from the Department President. I have had the pleasure of visiting Corps No. 66, at Topeka, also my own Corps, No. 94, a few times the past year. Also the J. K. Warren Corps in Albuquerque, and February 12, I attended the Lincoln birthday exercises, also Flag Day exercises in the High School. The Governor and Legislature have set apart February 12 to celebrate Flag Day, as the schools of New Mexico are all closed before June 14, and they wished to have the exercises during the school term.

February 22, I attended a reception given by the Daughters of the American Revolution at "Huning Castle," an old landmark of Albuquerque. I have tried to assist the sisters of this detached corps all I could, and only wish that whenever any of our members are stopping near any detached Corps they would visit them and render any necessary assistance in their power, for we little realize the difference between them and our beloved Department of Kansas. In closing my report, I wish to thank the Department President, and other department officers, for their kind letters and words of cheer, and especially those of the Department President and members of my own Corps during my sickness the past winter. Though absent from home, I have tried to do all I could in the interest of our beloved order.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.

FLORA A. SHERER,

Department Senior Vice President.

Report of the Junior Vice-President.

Baxter Springs, Kansas, April 6, 1908.

Anna H. Hall, Department Secretary, W. R. C.:

I have the honor to submit herewith, my report as Department Junior Vice President for the year. By reason of the

very efficient and thorough work of my superior officers, my official duties have been light.

I am not unmindful, however, of the possibilities of helpfulness in the way of special work which might be taken up by those officers and members who seemingly have not much to do, thereby materially assisting those who have in charge the regular lines of work. Permit me to make a few suggestions along this line.

REUNIONS—I would suggest that the W. R. C. take a more active part in the G. A. R. Reunions, held throughout the Department. This is an excellent opportunity to furnish material for patriotic teaching, in inculcating higher ideals of patriotism in the minds of young people by having them represented in the exercises. In this vicinity a number of Corps have taken up this work with excellent results.

Through the efforts of a few members of a neighboring Corps, Frank B. Blair Corps, of Galena, a W. R. C. Day has been set aside for members of our order, in our Reunion at this place; and while we feel this recognition is due our noble order, we are grateful for the courtesy extended. We thus become a part of these annual meetings, and our work is given the credit it deserves.

Another suggestion is to have special features of our work on Memorial Day, and other patriotic anniversaries, such as the water service, service for the unknown dead, etc. Our own corps gave the latter beautiful service on Memorial Day at our National Cemetery, and it was fully appreciated by the comrades.

My work has, so far, been mostly local, but I trust that these special lines of work will be emphasized throughout the Department, thereby rendering our work more helpful to that grand and noble order to which we are auxiliary.

I have endeavored to keep in touch with the work of our order by correspondence, observation and also reports and general orders sent by our Department President, and for which I desire to express my sincere thanks.

I hereby extend thanks for courtesies received. In closing, I wish to say that I am truly grateful for the high honor conferred upon me a year ago; it has been a pleasure to do what I could, but it has seemed very little, indeed.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.

JENNIE L. V. BREWSTER,
Department Junior Vice President.

Report of the Department Chaplain.

Garnett, Kansas, April 1, 1908.

Anna H. Hall, Department Secretary, Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas.

Madam: I submit through you to the Twenty-fourth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, the following report:

Number of Corps in good standing, reported to National	99
Number of members in good standing	5 265
Number of members taking part on Memorial Day	2 711
Number of children taking part on Memorial Day	1 862
Number of soldiers' graves decorated	7 304
Expense incurred	$594 17
Number of Corps providing refreshments for Post	13
Number of Corps providing flowers for Post	91
Number of Corps providing memorial for unknown dead	89
Number of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial services	92
Number of Corps adjacent to large streams or bodies of water	38
Number of Corps preparing tribute to our sailor-soldier dead	22
Amount contributed for Memorial Day in South	$29 50
Number of delinquent Corps	25

Deaths reported to Department Chaplain.

Though they rest today in their quiet graves their influence will live on and on. Who, indeed, shall dare to say it will ever die? Farewell, Sisters, until our feet shall touch the further strand, until we clasp your welcoming hand, and and Loyalty reign supreme.
and Loyalty reigns supreme.

IN MEMORIAM.

Corps No. 1907.

Mrs. W. D. Hoyt, army nurse, died May 15.

76—May ..... Elizabeth Turner
104—May 14 ..... Sidney Miner
48—May 15 ..... Catherine Dolman
76—June ..... Stella Lakin
29—June ..... Ann Foster
122—June 6 ..... Flora Cottle, P. P.
94—June 19 ..... W. F. Tucker
77—June 21 ..... Orpha C. Hathaway, J. V. P.
87—June 28 ..... Emma Bracken Thompson
77—July 12 ..... Mary A. Olenchaur, S. V. P.
94—July 16 ..... Arvilla Craig
9—July 20 ..... Leona E. Monroe
9—August 9 ..... Tennie Nichols
145—September ..... Jane Evans
102—September 3 ..... Mattie Quakenbush
71—September 20 ..... Catherine Maynehon, P. P.
3—October 6 ..... Ellen Hughes
20—October 15 ..... Clara C. Emery
102—October 24 ..... Lucy Sullivan
102—October 28 ..... Mary V. Bowers
70—November 14 ..... Lillie D. Goff

FLORA A. SHEARER
Senior Vice-President

EMMA A. ELLIS
Department Chaplain

ANNA HEACOCK
Patriotic Instructor

12—November 19 ..... Mary Cunningham
189—November 21 ..... Samantha Hatch, P. P.
66—November 24 ..... Mrs. Lowe
61—December ..... Kate Pixley, C. M.
111—December ..... Louisa Millard
25—December 4 ..... Mary McSherry
102—December 10 ..... Taira Skinner
21—December 19 ..... Mary Grace
25—December 27 ..... Ella Byers, C. M.
74—December 23 ..... Bennie Corbett

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66— ..... Hannah Gibes, L. E. Gage
1— ..... Delilah Yeager
190— ..... Maria Steavens, Charter Member
213— ..... Laura Stewart
10—February ..... M. J. Ables
122—January 1 ..... Lucy Dewey, C. M.
79—January 5 ..... Huldah Christian
4—January 8 ..... Caroline A. Quimby
145—January ..... Susan Post
145—January ..... Agnes Scott
29—January 8 ..... Eva Moon
11—January 10 ..... Eliza Fiest
42—January 15, ... Belle King
234—January 20 ..... Mary A. Johnson, C. M. P. P.
64—January 26 ..... Mattie E. Sullivan
206—January 26 ..... Inez Bickle
37—February 1 ..... Elizabeth Sheldon
94—February 4 ..... Ella Stockham
46—February 11 ..... Amanda Downs
122—February 12 ..... Susan L. Low, Press. Rep.
94—February 13 ..... Mrs. Curs
79—February 14 ..... Lizzie Smith
150—February 17 ..... Flora Hutchins
125—February 28 ..... Lucy Case
112—February 29 ..... M. E. McPherson
122—March 3 ..... Emily Waymire, age 80 years
156—March 8 ..... Mary Kirkpatrick
52—March ..... Mary Cooper
25—March 9 ..... Rebecca Reed
221—March 10 ..... Jennette Tannehill
12—March 10 ..... Lida Thayer
98—March 12 ..... Cornelia V. Blackman
61—March 17 ..... Lizzie Worrall, C. M. P., Nat'l. Aide
51—March 23 ..... Sarah P. Taylor
45—March 26 ..... Anna Miller
234—March 26 ..... Malinda H. Smith
70—April 1 ..... Sarah Jones
177—April 2 ..... Mary Collins
3—May 2 ..... Mary Hunt, Past President
57—May 3 ..... Elizabeth S. Russell

In closing, Mrs. President, I wish to thank you for the many courtesies I have received from you in our year's work. It will ever be a pleasant remembrance, and it is my sincere wish that your work and that of your secretary may prove a success.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.
EMMA A. ELLIS,
Department Chaplain.

Report of the Department Inspector.

Topeka, April 8, 1908.

Anna H. Hall, Department Secretary,

Madam: I herewith present to you, and through you, to the Twenty-fourth Department Convention, the Annual Report of the Department Inspector:

Total number of Corps reporting inspection	140
Number of regular meetings	2 663
Number of members in good standing	6 322
Average attendance of officers	9
Average attendance of officers and members	16
Average amount charged for initiation	94c
Average amount charged for yearly dues	87c
Amount of money in General Fund	$5,859.80
Amount of money in Relief Fund	$1,366.81
Cash expended for relief for year ending August 31, 1907	$1,661.10
Estimated value of relief, other than money, same year	$2,890.22
Amount turned over to Post for year ending August 31, 1907	$1,570.16
Amount expended for Patriotic work	$2,108.30
Number of Corps reporting all reports and dues forwarded to Department Headquarters	139
Number of Corps reporting complete set of Rituals	124
Corps reporting Ritual memorized	15
Number of Corps whose treasurer notifies all members in arrears	123
Number of Corps reporting members suspended when two quarters in arrears	89
Number of Corps reporting quarterly relief sent to Post	117
Corps reporting Post and Corps working in harmony	139
Corps reporting having sent a representative to last Department Convention	117
Corps whose representative made a written report of proceedings of Convention	115
Corps whose books show having been audited quarterly	113
Corps showing largest average attendance	43
Corps showing largest membership,	9, 40, 43, 67, 70, 111

Extracts from remarks of Assistant Inspectors, as reported to Department Inspector:

No. 1—Burnside Corps, in good condition; officers do their work nicely.

No. 2—Waterville, in good condition, financially; books in good condition; Inspector pleasantly entertained.

No. 3—Franklin, in very prosperous condition; one of the very best in the Department; work well done.

No. 4—McCaslin, books in fine shape.

No. 5—Blue, a band of faithful, earnest women; the President is 76 years old. They have $200 in their monument fund; they are expecting to build a monument in Rochester Cemetery, North Topeka.

No. 6—Junction City, Corps in good condition in every respect; work well performed. Banquet served after Corps meeting.

No. 7—W. H. L. Wallace; a band of loyal, energetic women; fairly well versed in the work; served dinner to Post and Corps.

No. 9—Washington; one of the best Corps in the Department; initiated thirteen members during the year. Work done fine; books perfectly kept; served banquet. Department President will always remember her cordial welcome and inspection of No. 9.

No. 10—Corps in excellent condition.

No. 11—William H. Lytle; in a very prosperous condition, and up to date in ritualistic work.

No. 12—E. E. Ellsworth; a banner Corps; spends from four to six dollars a month for fruit and flowers for the sick.

No. 14—Silas Miller; Corps owns their hall; at the reception given the Inspector, the Corps presented a beautiful flag to the Post; members deserve much encouragement.

No. 15—Will Wendell; have a membership of forty; working in perfect harmony with their Post.

No. 20—Kenesaw; this is a banner Corps; gladly received instruction; served banquet at inspection.

No. 21—L. E. King; very good Corps.

No. 22—Sumner; the floor work is good; do fine relief work.

No. 24—Osawatomie; books in fine shape; Corps in good condition.

No. 25—Reno; Post and Corps own a fine building, beautifully furnished; receive rent enough from lower story to pay expenses of both Post and Corps; have a well-finished kitchen and banquet room; books well kept; work well done; served banquet. Every old soldier in this jurisdiction belongs to Post.

No. 26—Palco; Corps in prosperous condition; working in perfect harmony.

No. 27—Col. J. Hayes; a most exceellent Corps; books well kept; served delightful lunch; also an evening reception, with good program.

No. 29—Stockton; a strong Corps; doing good work.

No. 31—John A. Dix; prospects encouraging; much energy manifested; all elderly ladies.

No. 32—Frank P. Blair; No. 1 Corps; had largest increase in membership up to September.

No. 33—Cauby; a good, loyal Corps; earnest in their work; books well kept and correct.

No. 35—Upton; a band of earnest workers; erected a $265 monument to the unknown dead.

No. 36—E. M. Stanton; deserves great credit for faithful and efficient work, under discouraging conditions; good officers.

No. 37—E. P. Shelden; a Corps well known in the Department, in regard to work; on the day of inspection Corps from Carbondale, Lyndon and Osage City, were invited; all responded by a good delegation; dinner and supper were served.

No. 39—Wabaunsee; found this Corps somewhat discouraged. After the meeting a beautiful lunch was served to which the Post were invited. An hour was spent in talks as to the best interests of the Post and Corps.

No. 40—Garfield;one of the best corps in the Department; books in good order; $224.87 in General Fund.

No. 42—Hiawatha; Corps in good condition.

No. 43—Ranks in class No. 1; has the largest average attendance of any Corps in the Department.

No. 45—Mulligan; a wide-awake Corps.

No. 47—J. B. Richardson; small Corps; Post and Corps work in harmony. Enthusiastic, and perform their work nicely.

No. 50—Fort Pillow; this is a very weak Corps.

No. 51—John A. Logan; a fine Corps in every respect.

No. 52—Beloit; in excellent condition; good interest; a live Corps.

No. 53—Phil Harvey; though few in number, they are full of enthusiasm.

No. 54—Waverly; Corps very anxious to do better work; books in better condition than last year.

No. 56—Arkansas City; a model Corps in every way; books perfect; officers take pride in the work.

No. 57—Rush Center; a good working membership; officers understand the work thoroughly; especially commend the color-bearers.

No. 59—Robert Anderson; found Corps in good working order; books fine; good attendance at inspection.

No. 61—B. F. Larned; entertained District Convention.

No. 63—Abilene; Banner Corps; work fine; books correct; two Past Department Presidents of Kansas, and of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming were present; also other Department and National officers.

No. 64—Rufus Kilpatrick; in fine condition, and all working in harmony.

No. 65—Douglass; working under discouragements.

No. 66—G. G. Gage; work well performed; books O. K.; they serve Pension Day dinner and are always ready to re-

spond to call for aid; in harmony with Post; have a social for Post every month.

No. 67—Kearney; this Corps is one of the best as well as one of the largest in membership.

No. 68—Knowlton; a country Corps; held no inspection on account of rain.

No. 70—P. B. Plumb; a grand Corps; work well done; have money out on interest; in perfect harmony with Post; have just bought a beautiful piano.

No. 71—Judson Kilpatrick; their aid society had $88.49 in treasury; also $22 from quilt fund, newly furnished room in Court House; also new piano.

No. 72—Wadsworth; doing well; not much relief work to do; but ready to respond when called upon.

No. 73—Allison; a good Corps; books correct; Post and Corps work in harmony.

No. 74—W. F. Sherman; good Corps; large membership; in harmony with Post.

No. 75—Severance; an energetic Corps; finances in good shape, and relief work well looked after.

No. 76—Parsons; Corps in good condition.

No. 77—O. P. Martin; a good Corps, with a fine set of officers; held night session.

No. 79—Comforth; in a very unsettled condition, on account of moving from one hall to another.

No. 80—Liberty; in good working order.

No. 81—Kanorado; few in number, but loyal.

No. 84—Hackleman; in good condition; books neat and correct.

No. 86—Ionia; energetic and wide awake; officers and members anxious to perfect themselves in the work.

No. 87—Glasco; a small, though good, Corps.

No. 89—Stephenson; in a prosperous condition; books well kept and correct.

No. 90—Neosho; although a stormy day, twenty-seven members were present at inspection. Members anxious to do the work well. Eight visiting members from Iola Corps were present.

No. 91—No inspection.

No. 92—Victor; I wish particularly to commend the floor work of this Corps.

No. 94—Topeka; good Corps; work well done; look after sick members.

No. 96—Henderson; do not understand the Ritualistic work; not well drilled in floor work.

No. 99—Peabody; a Corps to be proud of; have erected a monument; ritual work nicely performed; books neatly kept; president up in the work with interest of Corps at heart. The Whitewater Corps, with several members from Newton, present at inspection.

No. 102—E. D. Baker; this Corps is very patriotic; serve dinners on Pension Day; have camp-fires quarterly with Post;

books in good condition; one Past President has attended every Department Convention since 1899.

No. 103—Pollock; small Corps; work well done.

No. 104—W. H. Grimes; very good.

No. 107—W. S. Rosencrans; small Corps; work under difficulties and deserve credit for keeping together so many years.

No. 110—James B. McPherson; one of the best Corps in the Department; wide-awake, and growing; well up in the work in all lines.

No. 111—Joe Hooker; the largest Corps in Department; ritualistic work almost perfect; they have weekly meetings; have a Post and Corps roster; erected flags on public library; a magnificent Corps; held campfire in the evening. Department Commander present; an inspection the Department President will always remember with pride.

No. 112—John Brown; in most excellent condition; almost every member present at inspection and work well performed.

No. 113—Samuel Walker; a bright, enthusiastic Corps; floor work well done; own their furniture in the new court house; about thirty members present at inspection.

No. 117—McPherson; good Corps; treasurer's books fine; also secretary's.

No. 118—Meacham; work well done and much interest shown.

No. 119—General Hazen; a good Corps.

No. 122—Montgomery; an unusually fine Corps; patriotic work far in advance of most Corps.

No. 125—Solomon; a small Corps; good interest.

No. 129—Gaylord; very weak Corps; working under great disadvantage; deserves great credit for continued efforts.

No. 130—Jim Lane; good Corps; good meeting.

No. 133—Dick Yates; an enthusiastic Corps; all officers anxious to do work well; books excellent.

No. 135—Courtland; good Corps.

No. 137—S. A. Gilbert; this Corps in fair condition.

No. 141—Belle Plaine; this Corps should be encouraged by a visit from Department President.

No. 144—Bronson; a small Corps doing their best.

No. 145—McCook; one of the good Corps; are helping the Post place a monument in cemetery; also presented Post with flags.

No. 146—Lyndon; good Corps; in harmony with Post; floor work good; books correct; sick and needy well cared fr.

No. 148—A. S. Everest; a most excellent Corps; turned over to Post $155.

No. 149—Captain Jarvis; Corps rather unsettled.

No. 150—Melvern; most excellent; a beautiful hall; books well kept; ritualistic work good; one of the best in the Department; Third District Convention occupied nearly all day.

No. 155—Atlanta; Corps and Post in harmony; doing good work; members come five and six miles to attend meetings.

No. 156—McKinley; in a flourishing condition; in harmony with Post; sent large box to Mother Bickerdyke Home.

No. 158—Americus; earnest workers; deserve much credit; hold regular meetings.

No. 161—W. H. Robinson; financial condition good; books neat and correct; do good relief work.

No. 171—Coffeyville; Corps in good condition.

No. 172—Robert Hale; one of the best Corps; floor work fine; books well kept.

No. 174—H. H. Free; very weak; need encouragement.

No. 176—Woodson; good attendancce at inspection.

No. 177—Captain Kingscott; Corps in good condition; work well performed.

No. 178—W. C. Ward; small Corps, but full of energy; floor work well done; books well kept.

No. 179—Lewis; membership mostly elderly ladies; attendance small; do well under existing circumstances.

No. 184—Pea Ridge; have worked under discouragements this year; but are hopeful for future work.

No. 185—E. O. C. D. Ord; good attendance; floor work up to date; books correct.

No. 187—S. R. Deach; good Corps; up to date in every respect.

No. 188—Stone River; in excellent condition.

No. 190—Kennedy; small Corps; many members live in country; entertained First District Convention.

No. 192—Chautauqua; small Corps; loyal and true.

No. 194—John Anderson; conditions and prospects good.

No. 197—Lewis Christie; a live little Corps; many young women among their members; understand the work.

No. 199—St. John; no inspection; report sent in by President.

No. 200—Custer; in excellent condition; in harmony with Post.

No. 201—J. D. Godfrey; a prosperous Corps; have taken in fifteen new members since June 1; initiated seven at inspection.

No. 206—Lyon; good strong Corps; wide awake; work beautifully performed.

No. 208—James Shields; an energetic Corps; books neat and correct; Ritual memorized.

No. 213—Herington; one of the best Corps; in harmony with Post; entertained Fifth District Convention.

No. 214—Sam Weber; report, but no remarks.

No. 220—R. B. Hayes; small Corps, but good workers.

No. 221—Phillipsburg; very anxious to do good work.

No. 222—Haven; need encouragement.

No. 228—C. J. Stannard; a small Corps.

No. 230—Baldwin; few in numbers, but efficient; have no Post.

No. 234—McDaniels; a fine Corps; books well kept; have the finest silk flag and banner in the Department.

No. 237—Meade; found this Corps very much discouraged.

No. 238—George Graham; Corps in good condition finan-

cially; do good work; have open meetings once a month and invite Post.

No. 239—W. R. Anderson; an energetic Corps; do fine work.

No. 240—James K. Felton; good Corps.

No. 241—La Crosse; good Corps; earnest workers

No. 242—Toronto; a small Corps.

No. 247—Joe Butterfield; good conditions prevail.

No. 248—Lebanon; an enterprising Corps; have a flagpole in the town; grave-markers in cemetery.

No. 254—George Ellis; in good condition; understand the work.

No. 255—Plainville; small Corps, but keep together; observe Decoration Day and other patriotic occasions.

No. 259—Baxter; good corps.

No. 260—Humphrey; earnest and willing workers.

No. 261—Erie; fairly good work performed; gave $100 to Post for monument, dedicated to Civil war veterans on May 30, 1907.

In closing my report, I desire to thank all those who assisted in the work of inspection, and for the kind letters and words of cheer. To you, my dear President, I wish to express my thanks for the honor conferred by you, in making me your Department Inspector, and the many encouraging letters, by which you have helped me in the work. Your words of advice and instruction have been gratefully received. I have endeavored to follow your instructions to the best of my ability. It is my most sincere wish that nothing may prevent our relations remaining as cordial and friendly as during the year now past.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.
CARRIE D. FRISBIE,
Department Inspector.

Report of Department Counselor

Anna H. Hall, Department Secretary, W. R. C.,

Dear Madam: In accordance with the Rules of our Order, I hereby submit my report as Department Counselor:

First. I would express my hearty appreciation and thanks to the Department President for the honor conferred in making me her Counselor, and for the uniform courtesy and kindness received from her and from the many loyal W. R. C. friends of the Department.

Our organization owes much of its success to the perfectly planned and carefully executed system of work.

A quarter century of business, discipline and practice along the lines of benevolent and patriotic endeavor has been a great advantage to the women of our country. Since our members are becoming more familiar with the Rules and Regulations of the Order there is less friction and less need for explana-

tions and counsel. My duties, therefore, have been comparatively light. No new or complicated cases have arisen; but quite a number of inquiries for information and advice have been received and promptly answered.

A general condition of prosperity and harmony seems to prevail throughout the Department.

This is due, in a large measure, to the faithful, untiring energy and splendid ability of our Department President, aided by the cheerful cooperation of an efficient staff of officers and willing Corps workers everywhere.

With grateful appreciation of the success that has attended our work to the present time, let us continue to uphold, with renewed zeal, the principles for which our great Order was founded.

May many Union soldiers and families be happier, and the young people of this generation be more loyal to their country because of a Woman's Relief Corps in their community.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.

MARY M. CARSON.

Report of the Department Instituting and Installing Officer.

Anna H. Hall, Department Secretary, Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas,

Madam: I have the honor to submit to you, and through you, to the Twenty-fourth Department Convention, my Annual Report as Instituting and Installing Officer.

The appointment to this office came as a surprise to me. I accepted the appointment, feeling that No. 240 would appreciate the honor of being represented in the list of Department officers. Numerous letters have been received from sister workers, some giving words of encouragement, others asking for information, to all of which I have responded to the best of my ability. To the National and Department Presidents, as well as other Department Officers, I extend thanks for greetings and kind words of advice. Two new Corps have been instituted during the year and the work of teaching patriotism and loyalty to the flag is ever on the increase. Ninety-six Corps have reported private installation, thirty-eight Corps joint installation. I very much regret not being able to do more for the advancement of our order the past year. I am making special efforts to advance the work in my home Corps, No. 240. We are adding new members each month. On the 22d of February the Post and Corps entertained Company C., K. N. G., and the Military Band with a large number of invited guests. May the closing year be crowned with success and the coming year bring forth greater returns for the Woman's Relief Corps.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.

EMMA B. BIGLEY,
Department I. and I. Officer.

Report of the Department Patriotic Instructor.

Office of Department Patriotic Instructor.
Parsons, Kansas, April 10, 1908.

Anna H. Hall, Department Secretary W. R. C.

Madam: I have the honor to submit to you, and through you, to the Twenty-fourth Annual Convention, a report of the Patriotic work of our Order, according to reports of Patriotic Instructions, from about 15 per cent of the Corps in the Department.

When I assumed the office of Department Patriotic Instructor, my greatest desire was to see a marvelous growth of patriotism in each Corps. Observation has proved that advancement in patriotic teaching results in a corresponding enthusiasm, for all branches of Corps work.

Education is the first step towards teaching others, therefore in my circular letter, No. 1, I outlined a course of study of one or more subjects for each month. This letter was approved by the President and Secretary and sent to each Corps.

The questions on Form 2, when answered, do not develop the most important patriotic work of the Corps. A new Instructor, appointed in January, does not promote the best success in patriotic work. Letters from Corps Patriotic Instructors communicate the lively interest and enthusiasm of the Corps in patriotic work; also give inspiration to the Department Patriotic Instructor.

Reports have been received from Nos. 11, 32, 40, 133, 239, 172, 99, 234, 53, 68, 91, 12, 57, 26, 67, 104, 241, 92, 213, 117; 51, 71, 76, 24, 254, 122.

The following Corps furnished flags, patriotic primers, oleographs, etc., to schoolrooms, namely; Nos. 32, 40, 133, 239, 172, 99, 234, 53, 68, 91, 12, 57, 26, 67, 104, 241, 92, 213, 117, 51, 71, 76, 24, 11, 254, 122.

I sent blank forms to each Corps with a printed slip, urging them to study the questions and see that their work would guarantee answers. This was done January 10. I enclosed another request, (both printed at my own expense), with two blanks of Form 2, to each Corps—"Return at once with questions answered." I believe the Corps will respond in time to give a more complete report to the National Patriotic Instructor.

The Salute Leaflets were furnished in answer to a request for patriotic literature. I presume the National Instructor was so liberal in 1907, that Mrs. Knaff did not have any left to send. I was compelled to answer many letters from Corps asking patriotic helps and sent to each the Flag Salute Leaflets. In 1907, Mrs. Bunn sent to 160 Corps several hundred Flag Salutes and Flag Drill leaflets, and copies of "Memorial Selections," also 600 American Flag Salutes.

I enjoyed my inspection of Corps Nos. 31, Columbus; 32, Galena; and 250, Baxter Springs. In each place I found patriotic, loyal women and a hearty welcome.

Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas

It has been a pleasure to serve our Department President, and her short visits made to Parsons, were much appreciated by the Patriotic Instructor. In every way possible she has helped to lessen the expense of this office, for which thanks and praise are due. May her bright, cheery way continue to bind us with the tie of friendship. May the Corps Patriotic Instructors, by noting the incompleteness of the report, see the necessity of sending their reports as soon as possible.

Yours in F. C. & L.
MRS. ANNA HEACOCK,
Department Patriotic Instructor.

Report of the Department Press Correspondent.

Belleville. Kansas, March 28, 1908.

Anna H. Hall, Department Secretary, W. R. C.,

Dear Madam: I have the honor to submit my report as Department Press Correspondent.

When I was appointed to fulfill the duties of this office at the Convention last spring, I realized that there was no little work about it, but what has been done has been done willingly, and with a feeling that it was an honor to serve our noble order. Upon first assuming my duties, I wrote a letter to every Corps in the state, soliciting the cooperation of the local Press Correspondents and urging them to keep their work before the public by having reports of their entertainments, dinners, patriotic meetings, etc., published in their home papers, and asked them to report to me monthly or quarterly. Most of the Corps responded in a very satisfactory manner, thus enabling me to edit a department each month in the Club Member, through which columns other organizations have learned of our work being done, as well as the various Corps receiving valuable suggestions from their sister members.

The Corps of the state have cause to feel proud of their chosen Press Correspondents who have prided themselves on well written and accurate reports, and when any of these reports have failed of recognition from me, they have been acknowledged through me in the Club Member. During the year I have observed that partiotism was in evidence on all occasions which demanded it, and that the schools were coming to realize more than ever their part in our work.

An excellent report of the National Convention at Saratoga Springs was received, which I wish every member could read. It was next best to being there. Our new Roster is complete in every detail, and contains valuable information of interest to our order.

I desire to thank the Club Member, which has given us a department in that valuable magazine, and in behalf of my co-workers, extend the thanks of the numerous editors in the state who have been so kind as to print the articles contributed. I would like to thank personally each one of my co-workers

for her efficient service, and to our Department President, Mrs. Marian Stratton Nation, I wish to express sincere thanks for the many words of encouragement and appreciation of my efforts.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.
KATHRYN STANFIELD,
Department Press Correspondent, W. R. C.

Report of the Department Senior Aide.

Kansas City, April 24, 1908.

To Anna H. Hall, Department Secretary, W. R. C.:

With pleasure I submit, through you, to the Department Convention, my report of the work done by the Department Aides.

These appointed Aides reported and received Commissions:

Special Aides

Ella Miller, No. 234, Bonner Springs.
Kate Crawford, No. 66, Topeka.
Rosa Jennings, No. 73, Burlington.
Nettie Torrence, No. 107, Reading.
Elfie Howe, No. 76, Parsons.
Mattie Jennings, No. 264, LeRoy.
Anna Hetherington, No. 171, Coffeyville.
Capitola Higley, No. 263, Oskaloosa.

Aides

Maria Hiller, No. 5, North Topeka.
Mary Willie, No. 10, Clay Center.
Nettie Potter, No. 25, Nickerson.
Mattie B. Nyce, No. 35, Caldwell.
Emma Niles, No. 37, Burlingame.
Ida McKelvey, No. 39, Wabaunsee.
Mary C. Jenkins, No. 66, Topeka.
Mary L. Foreman, No. 72, Council Grove.
Mattie Zook, No. 94, Topeka.
Mary Irwin, No. 104, Atchison.
Ellen Simms, No. 113, Lawrence.
Elfie Howe, No. 76, Parsons.
Susan M. Wier, No. 156, Harper.
Phebe C. Steffen, No. 176, Yates Center.
Kate Maynard, No. 190, Troy.
Mary McCormick, No. 219, Marquette.
Ella S. Robinson, No. 239, Tescott.
Florence Daugherty, No. 260, Neodesha.
Laura Coffman, No. 261, Erie.
Mary Griffith, No. 254, Ellis.
Emma K. Ingalls, No. 150, Melvern.
Vienna Roberts, No. 241, LaCrosse.
Leona Nugent, No. 42, Hiawatha.

Maude Catren, No. 27, Carbondale.
Mary Briggs, No. 3, Olathe.
Olive J. Peters, No. 63, Abilene.
Clara Hallett, No. 57, Rush Center.
Evalyn Mavity, No. 30, Norcatur.
Kate Forbes, No. 68, Ottumwa.
Nettie Bates, No. 21, Augusta.
Mary B. Currens, No. 99, Peabody.
Callie McDade, No. 221, Phillipsburg.
Kate Hanson, No. 75, Severance.
Lovina Martin No. 54, Waverly.
Jennie Wilcox, No. 94, Topeka.

These Aides have worked faithfully the past year for our beloved Order, and each reports much work accomplished.

During my term as Senior Aide I visited Corps Nos. 1, 9, 22, 102, 113, and 188. I installed the officers of Nos. 22 and 188.

It was my great pleasure to be with our Department President when she inspected Nos. 9 and 188, where we received a most cordial welcome. Then I was with her at Kansas City, February 28, where we together with Corps 177 and 188, were royally entertained by Corps No. 1, in its hall.

During the year I have received fifty-three letters from my Aides, and have written ninety-two.

In closing I wish to thank our dear Department President for the honor conferred on me, and my Corps, by appointing me Senior Aide. Her many kind letters and words of advice have been greatly appreciated. I shall ever remember her and my year's work with much pleasure. I only hope I have succeeded in contributing my "mite" to our great work.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.
MAY MURPHY,
Senior Aide.

Report of the Delegate-at-Large.

Anna H. Hall, Department Secretary, W. R. C., Department of Kansas:

I submit herewith a brief report of the "Silver Anniversary Convention" of the Woman's Relief Corps, one of the largest and best conventions in the splendid history of our organization, which was held at Saratoga, N. Y., September 12 and 13, 1907.

The privilege of being chosen a representative of so great an organization as ours; of traveling half way across our continent to gather with the old friends of other convention days and the new ones still to be made; to meet in a city so full of historic interest to a patriotic people; to see there once again the vast but diminishing host of the Grand Army of the Republic, all lent pleasure to anticipation; and so when we arrived at Saratoga on Monday morning, September 9,

without incident to mar the pleasure of the trip, we were ready in heart and mind to enjoy the week thoroughly, and we did.

Kansas had headquarters at the splendid United States hotel, where the National Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic were located. The immense hotel could accommodate an army. The National Headquarters of our own order was at the equally splendid Grand Union, but a block away, and even at this early date, the buildings were elaborately decorated outside and in, "Old Glory" being in evidence everywhere. Already there were many comrades and sisters there to greet and welcome the newcomers, with hand and voice and gracious smile to make us glad that we had come.

When it was first decided to hold the National Convention at Saratoga, a great many wondered how Saratoga could care for such a crowd, but she did care for us, and well, and did many things for us to make it a time long to be remembered.

There were many informal gatherings of comrades and sisters during the afternoon and evening. Many were the greetings exchanged, and the time passed quickly.

On Tuesday afternoon Memorial Services were held at the First Methodist Episcopal church, in affectionate memory of Elizabeth T. Turner; the address was by Harriet J. Reed, Past National Secretary. She spoke of our Elizabeth very tenderly; of her many deeds of charity, and of her unfaltering devotion to the couse. During the service, the song, "Our Elizabeth," was rendered by John A. Gillman, of Massachusetts. It was very impressive, and many eyes grew dim with tears as we listened.

It made us again proud that we were a member of the Woman's Relief Corps when our "Silver Jubilee Fund" of $6,000.00 was presented to the Grand Army at Tuesday night's great campfire. This gift is still another tie binding together the Grand Army and the Relief Corps, and the way the splendid gift was received would have filled your hearts with pride.

On Wednesday came the great parade. Ten thousand of the boys who answered President Lincoln's call with "We are coming, Father Abraham," unmindful of the rain as they were in those other days unmindful of that hail of lead, marched for more than a mile down Broadway, while cheering thousands lined the streets and beheld the great and patriotic spectacle. The hair was a little grayer, the forms a little more bent than a year ago, but the patriotic fervor was as bright as ever, and when one badly drenched veteran was accosted by a sympathetic woman who wanted to lend him her umbrella, he answered: "We didn't have umbrellas in '63, and I guess we can get along now."

On Wednesday night, our National President gave a formal reception to Commander-in-Chief Robert B. Brown, and it was a success in every sense. For several hours the reception committee stood in line and received the thousands who attended. During the week there were many receptions

held in honor of our beloved National President and others.

On Thursday morning, September 12, the Convention opened in the Methodist Episcopal church, National President Carrie R. Sparklin in the chair. Devotional exercises were held by National Chaplain Hannah Maxom. Her words were inspiring and helpful. Then Convention joined in singing the National Ode. All national officers were present except Chairman of Executive Board. A motion was made and carried that the morning session be an open one. Ida Shotts Pentreath, Department President of New York, brought greetings to the convention with assurance of a cordial welcome. After response to same, the President called her officers to the platform, one by one, and as each came she affectionately addressed them with words of praise.

Senior Vice President presided during the reading of President's address. Perfect order prevailed during the entire reading. The President's address was all such an address possibly could be. It was broad, clear and forceful and made the Convention feel more than ever indebted to her for her sacrifice and her unselfish efforts to the advancement of our order. We recognized as never before how well the Convention at Minneapolis had chosen its officers.

The reports of officers were very gratifying. We learn from report of National Secretary and Treasurer, first, that we have a membership of 131,923 in good standing; a net gain in one year of 5,669 members. Second, that there has been expended for relief for the year ending June 30, 1907, $141,156.-33. Cash balances in treasury from all funds, $21,165.89.

From the report of the National Chaplain we learn that 549,544 soldiers' graves were decorated Memorial Day, by Departments and detached Corps. The number of members taking part in Memorial Day exercises were 63,595; number of children taking part, 245,700. The amount of contribution for Memorial Day in the South, as reported to National Chaplain, was $1,157.55.

A resolution by Mrs. Miller was favorably received, that the sum of $500 00 be set aside to provide in the future a large flag at the tomb of Abraham Lincoln, Springfield, Ill. It was also decided that the Christmas present to the Army Nurses be increased from $5 to $10.

The Credential Committee reported twenty National officers and twenty-two Past National officers present. Also 367 delegates, Kansas having ten delegates besides her Past Department officers.

I need not speak of the election of officers. General Orders will tell you its results. I can only say that it was harmonious throughout.

There is only space to mention a few of the many distinguished visitors, among them Colonel Robert Beath and wife, the first National Commander of the organization; Mrs. John A. Logan and daughter, Mrs. Tucker, Clara Barton, Charles G. Burton, Commander-in-Chief; Captain Wallace

Foster and Dr. W. J. Patton, President of Memorial University.

One of the most pleasing incidents of the convention was a visit of a delegation from Ransom Post. The greetings exchanged brought tears to many eyes and told us how dearly beloved was our President by her own home Post and how justly proud they were of her. Many beautiful gifts were received by the President and other officers as tokens of appreciation and for work well done. Many greetings were received from absent members.

But I must not forget to tell you of Department Commander Webster, of Georgia. His visit to the Convention was to explain the situation in regard to cemeteries in the South. He said it was reported in the North that Southern cemeteries were not properly cared for or decorated on May 30. He said that in the South they have great distances to go to nearly every cemetery, but declared that in his department of Georgia and South Carolina the cemeteries have been decorated to a grave. He declared that Andersonville cemetery is one of the most beautiful in the United States. How grateful we should feel that this is so. He tells us that there is a cemetery at Florence, S. C., 124 miles from a G. A. R. Post, but this Post takes care of the seven thousand graves, and, think of it, there are only seven members. Each year they charter a car at Fitzgerald, his home town, and in a body go to Andersonville, eighty miles away, to decorate the graves there, and he assured the Convention that as long as there was a Post in the South or a G. A. R. member left, not a grave should be neglected on Memorial Day.

Convened for last session Friday evening. After the balance of business was disposed of, there was the installation of officers. After this the President formally declared the Twenty-fifth Convention of the W. R. C. closed.

The Convention was extended many courtesies by the Department of New York and the citizens of Saratoga, one of which was the splendid luncheon served in the basement of the church each day during the convention, saving much time of both officers and delegates.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Department for the honor and privilege of attending the Silver Anniversary Convention, as one of the representatives from Kansas.

ALICE PAPES,
Alternate at Large.

MAY MURPHY
Senior Aide and Chief of Staff

CARRIE D. FRISBIE
Department Inspector

Wednesday--Afternoon Session

Department President: I declare this convention open for the transaction of business. The guards have declared that all present are members of the order.

A committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R. composed of Mary A. Wible, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Barshfield and Mrs. Hilderbrant, were introduced from the platform by the Department President.

Mrs. Wible: Sisters of the Woman's Relief Corps, I bring to you today the greetings from the Ladies of the Grand Army. We are working for the same good cause, and there is much work for both orders to do. My home town of Ottawa is asking for the Encampment next year and if the place is selected, I hope you will all be there. There is no Relief Corps there, but we have a strong Circle and I pledge to you the warmest welcome and the very best accommodations we can give you. A few words were said by the other members of the committee. They were presented with badges of the convention, and retired.

Past Department President Helen E. Day and Past Secretary Alma Day, of the Department of Missouri, were introduced to the convention and given the salute. They were presented with the convention badge and invited to take seats upon the platform.

Helen A. Edwards, a Past Department Treasurer, and who has not met with the convention for some years was introduced and given the salute.

The minutes of Tuesday afternoon's and Wednesday morning's sessions were read by the convention secretary. There being no corrections they were approved.

Ida Wilson Moore made a motion, seconded by Emma Eastman that we proceed to the election of officers, as soon as the credential committee makes its report. Carried.

The convention was then seated by districts, the Eighth, Seventh, Sixth and Fifth districts having the preference of front of the church.

The Credential committee reports 368 members entitled to vote in this convention.

President: I will appoint as tellers, Julia A. Chase of No.

42, Lucy Reed Jones of No. 149 and Maggie Wood of No. 70.

Justice A. W. Benson, of Ottawa, sent this note to Belle C. Harris—Ottawa has just been unanimously chosen for the next Encampment. I want to extend a hearty, soldierly invitation in behalf of our Post and people to the Woman's Relief Corps to meet with us at that time. Will you please, for us, and as a former Ottawan, and daughter of one of our very oldest members, give the invitation to the sisters of the Woman's Relief Corps and assure them of the best welcome and the best care that we are capable of giving. Make it as hearty as you know so well how to do.

Mrs. Harris: Sisters, this invitation, coming as it does from Judge Benson and George H. Thomas Post, assures me that we will have one of the grandest places to meet, that we have ever had. Ottawa is one of the beautiful cities of Kansas, and situated on the banks of the historic Marias des Cygnes, with its beautiful Forest Park of Chautauqua fame makes it all the more a desirable place to meet. True there is not a Relief Corps there, (for good reasons), but as Comrade Benson says, you will be most cordially received. Therefore, Mrs. President I move that this invitation be accepted. Seconded by Lillian A. Hendricks. Motion prevailed.

President: Ladies, I want to ask of you, that there be no demonstrations when the result of the ballot is announced. Let us all have charity for the one who is not chosen. Nominations are in order for the office of Department President. Agnes A. Heigele: Mrs. President and sisters of the convention:

I have a pleasant duty to perform today, when I bring to you, for the office of President of this Department of Kansas Woman's Relief Corps, the name of Mrs. Anna Heacock, of Parsons. No words of mine can add to her ability and worth. She stands first in line after patient waiting, bearing defeat with the same sweetness and faithfulness which she shows in her everyday life. Her Corps No. 76, one of the strongest and most harmonious in this Department, stand as a unit for her, and ask this convention that they be honored through her by the office of Department President. She was born in Ohio, the birthplace of many noted and well beloved statesmen. The blood of patriots flows in her veins. Her great-great-grandfather was a soldier in the German army, afterward coming to America and enlisting with his oldest son, in the army of Washington. Her brother 18 years old, the only support of a widowed mother with small

children, enlisted in the Civil war. He still carries a wound he received in the battle of Pea Ridge. At the age of 16 she gave up going to school and began teaching to help support the family, the brother sending home all he could spare from his pay. Wages for teaching school in Ohio in war times were not what teachers in Kansas get now. After the war was over she became acquainted with and married Jimmie Heacock, "One of the best soldier boys that came home from the war after serving over two years."

She is eligible to the Daughters of American Revolution, but has never joined because all through her life her church and family duties came first. I asked a former pastor of hers, in talking over church affairs, how she stood in church work. His reply was, that whenever he wanted anything done, he called on Mrs. Heacock and he was sure it would be attended to.

The Woman's Relief Corps has seen her best efforts in all the lines of work which we endeavor to promote. She is one of the Mothers of this Department, and a Veteran's wife, and Ladies, while we do not follow the Ladies of the G. A. R., I believe that so long as we have a Veteran's wife with us, she should be honored first: There will be a time when the loyal woman can and must take the responsibility of that office. Ladies, I wish to call your attention to the fact that she is eligible, in every sense of that term. A woman of good moral character and correct deportment, and you will make no mistake in electing her President of this Department.

The nomination received a second from the following Corps: 76, 10, 189, 171, 208, 77, 176, 39, 40, 32, 11, 98, 262, 22, 90, 261, 31, 36, 260, 42, 117, 150, 242, 102, 72, 263, 259, 241, 91, 247, 41, 25, 133, 54, 234, 104, 145, 185, 56, 254, 149, 119, 27, 103, 194, 24, 7, 57. Individually, May Murphy, Anna A. Apple and Julia A. Chase.

Ellen M. Kimball, of No. 43:

Mrs. President and Ladies of the convention. The one whom I shall nominate, joined the Woman's Relief Corps because the work appealed to her. She has been a loyal and hard worker for the upbuilding of the order and in every way has helped the veteran and I believe she has earned the honor of being Department President. I place before you the name of Cora M. Deputy for the office of Department President.

Ida Dye, President of Corps 43, on behalf of the Corps seconded the nomination, as did also Evalyn Bradford, Emma

E. Forter, Kate Pond, Permelia Lawler, Maria Mathews, Kate Killmer, Carrie D. Frisbie, Sarah Parker and Mrs. McKittrick. Also Corps No. 51, 213, 74, 96, 172, 12, 187, 52, 221, 59, 20, 6, 15, 148, 5, 66, 50, 190, 238, 2, 79, 112, 155, 179, 46, 92, 111, 110, 3, 125.

There were no other nominations. A motion was made by Mary Bradley, seconded by Maggie Shaw, that the tellers retire to count the ballots. The same was stated, and lost.

The tellers then proceeded to count the votes, which resulted in 345 ballots being cast. Mrs. Deputy received 171 votes and Mrs. Heacock 174.

President: Anna Heacock having received the highest number of votes, I declare her elected President of this Department.

Mrs. Deputy escorted Mrs. Heacock to the platform and introduced her as President-elect.

Mrs. Heacock: Sisters, I thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me, and upon my corps. I realize that the responsibility is great and without your assistance, I shall be unable to accomplish anything. Therefore I ask your cooperation in all departments of the work of the Woman's Relief Corps and we will not fail.

President: I have just received the announcement of the election of Comrade W A. Morgan for Department Commander of the Department of Kansas. He will now be admitted, also Comrades Hilligoss, Speck, Harris, Bender, Gardner and Perkins.

Commander-elect Morgan was accompanied by his wife, Minnie D. Morgan, Past Department President, who introduced him to the convention.

Comrade Morgan: Sisters of the Woman's Relief Corps; As I walked down the isle, with "Old Glory" floating in front and behind and to the ever inspiring music of "Marching Through Georgia" I could not but recall the days that were real. The defense of our flag from 1861 to 1865 was our mission. It has never been lowered in disgrace, but commands the respect of all at home and abroad. I ask a continuance of the loyalty you have given to the other Commanders in years past and I pledge you my best efforts to further your organization in the work in which yau are engaged.

The other comrades made short talks.

Julia A. Chase: Mrs. Harris, National Chief of Staff. The honor of our appointment as National Aides to our National

President, we believe, came from you. We want you to know that we appreciate this honor and in remembrance of it, we, Mrs. Marion Powell, Sarah Staplin, Lila Godfrey and myself present you with this souvenior spoon.

Mrs. Harris: My Sisters, the appointment you received by our National President did come from my suggestion. I believe the honor of serving as National Aide, has been worthily bestowed, and am glad you so much appreciate it. I thank you for this beautiful spoon and will always cherish the remembrance of those from whom it came.

Julia A. Chase: Mrs. President, the time has come for Kansas to get in line and stay in line for National President if we expect to win.

We have one among us who has ever been loyal and true and one whom we would all like to see placed at the head of the National Woman's Relief Corps. I therefore move that this convention endorse Belle C. Harris for the office of National President. Seconded by many, including Maggie Wood of No. 70, Emma E. Forter, Evalyn Bradford, Julia Campbell and Lucy Reed Jones. The vote was taken by the convention rising, and the President declared it unanamous.

Mrs. Harris: I thank you most heartily for this kindly expression and pledge to the Woman's Relief Corps my best efforts, should this honor come to Kansas.

The delegates from Missouri who were present pledged their support to Mrs. Harris, who acknowledged same with thanks.

The following letters of greeting from Missouri and Iowa were read:

St. Joseph, Mo., May 13, 1908.

Marian S. Nation, Department President of Kansas.

My Dear Sister: I had hoped to be with you in your twenty-fourth annual convention, but owing to my condition, it will be impossible. I wish you all the good and pleasant things that you will have at your convention, and hope it will be one of the best in the history of your department. Wishing you God's greatest blessing, I am yours in F. C. and L.

Frances Arnold, Past Department President of Missouri.

Iowa Falls, Iowa, May 12, 1908.

Marian Stratton Nation, Department President,
Kansas W. R. C., Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Nation: Your orders No. 7 received and I note your convention will be held May 19-20-21. I wish to thank you for the courtesy of remembering me with your orders, which I have enjoyed greatly, and to say I will be glad to ex-

change Journals with you if agreeable. I trust your year of hard labor will be closed with a profitable, successful convention.

Convey to your membership my best wishes for a pleasant reunion, and congratulations on the patriotic work performed during the year. Yours fraternally,

Estella E. Plopper, Department President.

Belle C. Harris: Mrs. President, the Conventions of the Departments of Oklahoma, Indiana, Illinois and Nebraska are now in session. I move that telegrams of greeting be sent to these Departments. Seconded by Mary Bradley. Carried.

President: Nominations are in order for Senior Vice-President.

Ida W. Moore: Mrs. President, I would like to nominate Cora M. Deputy for Senior Vice President. The nomination was properly seconded. There being no other nominations, the Secretary was, on motion, instructed to cast the vote of the convention for Mrs. Deputy for Senior Vice President and she was declared elected.

President: Nominations are in order for Juniar Vice President. Nellie C. March nominated Rose Walker Moeller. The nomination was seconded by Laura Cashner, but Mrs. Moeller declined to be a candidate. Lillian A. Hendricks nominated Celina Cart, of No. 188. Mrs. Cart also declined. Mrs. Heigele nominated Serena Lowe, of Solomon Corps, No. 125; properly seconded.

Mrs. Ida Dye, of No. 43, nominated Frances DeBowe, of No. 66. Seconded by Kate Crawford.

Dora Weirman placed in nomination Ella Miller, of Bonner Springs. Nomination was seconded by Theora Mann and Mary M. Carson. Tellers then retired to count the ballots.

Moved by Lucy Reed Jones, seconded by Julia Campbell that when we adjourn, the hour for convening in the morning, be set for 8 o'clock. Carried.

Mrs. Forter: Mrs. President, this convention has endorsed Mrs. Harris as a candidate for National President. Now let us all do everything we can for her. The delegation that goes to the National convention must be united, and I think she should have the right to select the delegates..

Mrs. President, I am ready to make the report of the committee on President's address.

We, your committee to whom was referred the report of the President, beg leave to submit the following:

We heartily endorse and approve recommendations one, two,

three and four. To Mrs. Nation, we desire to extend our congratulations on the splendid report of her year's work. It shows a careful and conscientious discharge of duty, and reflects great honor upon our beloved President. Realizing her devotion and love for the Order, and in view of the practical, and patriotic, principles displayed in her recommendations, we heartily concur in their adoption.

EMMA E. FORTER,
MARY M. CARSON,
SARAH J. BOONE,
IDA GRIPPEN,
MARGARET H. GRIFFITH,
Committee.

The recommendations were reread and acted upon seperately.

Recommendation No. 1—Moved by Lou Meers, seconded by Ella Elstun that the same be adopted. Carried.

Recommendation No. 2—Moved by Kate Pond, seconded by Kate Killmer that it be adopted. Carried.

Recommendation No. 3—Moved by Sophia W. Norton, seconded by Mary Cotton that the same be adopted. Motion prevailed.

Recommendation No. 4—Moved by Anna T. Palmer, seconded by May Roberts that it be adopted. Motion prevailed.

Moved by Kate Pond, seconded by Olive J. Peters that the report of the committee be adopted as a whole. Carried.

Mrs. Forter: Mrs. President, It seems to me that a set of our Journals should be bound and given to the State Historical Society. Let us be a little extravagent and have this done. Moved by Mary M. Carson, seconded by Jennie L. V. Brewster that the retiring President have an extra copy bound for the Historical Society. Carried.

The visiting members from the Department of Missouri thanked President Nation for the courtesies extended to them during the convention.

The Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Districts were asked to remain, that delegates and alternates might be selected to National Convention.

Julia Campbell: Mrs. President, your committee to visit the Grand Army Encampment have performed the duty assigned us. The Comrades received the talks by the different members of the committee with much enthusiasm. Your report was read and filed. We thank you for the honor of having been appointed on this committee.

Mrs. President: We your committee on Junior Vice President's report, highly endorse the suggestions as set forth therein and wish to compliment her on her work for the past year. Her suggestion that the Woman's Relief Corps take a more active part in the Reunions held throughout the Department is a good one. Also to have the young people take part in these reunions, to inculcate patriotism is an excellent idea. Also the idea of having special features of our work on Memorial Day such as the water service and service to the unknown dead, we heartily endorse. Fraternally submitted.

CARRIE L. COOK,
MARY E. JENKINS,
MELISSA A. HURST,
MARY B. CRONDALL,
MARY E. PALMER,
Committee.

Moved by Kate Killmer, seconded by Anna Hall, that the report be accepted. Motion prevailed.

Mrs. President: We, your committee on Counselor's report, find the same, though brief, to be fully comprehensive in showing the perfectly harmonious and prosperous condition existing throughout our Department, and heartily recommend its adoption.

Fraternally,

MAGGIE DORNBLASER
FLORENCE A. BUNN,
EMMA BARND,
UNA M. KESSLER,
Committee.

Moved by Dollie Bishop, seconded by Mary E. Clogston, that the report be accepted. Carried.

Mrs. President, members of Twenty-fourth Annual Convention:

We, your committee on Inspector's report, submit the following: We have reason to congratulate ourselves on the condition we find the Relief Corps in, and the hopeful improvement over all past reports. We realize the responsible position of this office and much depends upon the capability of the Inspector. Mrs. Frisbie has done well.

ELLEN SMITH,
MAGGIE MOTT,
ALICE M. DAVID,
SARA FOSTER,
Committee.

Moved by Lillian Hendricks, seconded by Lou Meers that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

Tellers will announce the result of the ballot on Junior Vice President. Total number of votes cast, 289; necessary to choice, 145; Ella Miller receives 161; Frances DeBowe, 70; Serena Lowe, 58.

Ella Miller having received the majority of all votes cast, she was declared elected by Department President. Moved by Flora Shearer, seconded by Pauline L. Bentley, that we ad-adjourn. Motion prevailed.

Guards instructed to be in their places so that none may enter without proper password at morning session.

Thursday--Morning Session

The Convention was called to order by Department President, Marian S. Nation, at 8 o'clock.

Chaplain Ellis led in repeating the Lord's Prayer and one verse of the Opening Ode was sung.

The minutes of Wednesday afternoon's session were read and with corrections, were approved. President: Are the committees on officers' reports ready to make their reports?

Mrs. President: We, your committee on greetings to the Ladies of the G. A. R., were received very cordially by the President. Each member of the committee made a short talk, after which we were presented with a souvenir badge of their convention. They sent kindly greetings to our convention. Mrs. Francis Wood, of Topeka, made a very beautiful response to our greeting.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

FLORENCE O. FITCH,
SARAH STAPLIN,
ELLA MILLER,
IDA DYE,
ADELIA SCOTT,
Committee.

Moved by Alice L. David, seconded by Laura Coffman, that the report be accepted. Carried.

A beautiful bunch of flowers was presented to the President from the Argentine Corps.

President: Ladies, the Corps here have literally strewn my path with flowers. I thank you.

Ida Wallace was appointed Guard for the middle door.

Mrs. President: We, your committee on Instituting and Installing officer's report, take pleasure in saying that we are glad to note the increase of two new Corps in this department, and we trust many more can be organized the coming year. Yours in F. C. & L.

ERSE C. TEETER,
SARAH J. BRUMAGE,
JENNIE THOMAS,
FANNIE J. LOADER,
EMMA W. JOLLIFFE,
Committee.

Moved by Mary Cotton, seconded by Phoeba Steffen, that the report be accepted. Carried.

Mrs. President: We, the undersigned committee, have read carefully the report of Patriotic Instructor, and are ready to state our approval of the thorough and systematic method in which the work has been carried forward the past year. Submitted in F. C. & L.

HULDA J. BARRET,
LILA C. GODFREY,
LUELLA P. REED,
Committee.

Moved by Florence Dougherty, seconded by Martha Kenney, that report be accepted. Motion prevailed.

Comrade Jones was admitted and wanted to know if the Flag presentation could not take place earlier than 11:30, but owing to plans of the school children, it was thought best not to change.

Greetings from Ladies' Auxiliary to Sons of Veterans.

To the officers and members of the Woman's Relief Corps in convention assembled. Owing to the small number of our members, in this our annual encampment we find it impossible to visit you in person, therefore these greetings.

May your convention be one of enjoyment as well as a profitable business session, and may we ask as your sister order for a helping hand, and the good wishes of one and all. We are proud to tell you that we have a new auxiliary in view at Great Bend, and will present their Charter application at this con-

vention. Again wishing you the best of success, we are, yours in F. C. & L.

LORA HARVEY,
INA GIFFEN,
GERTRUDE STRINE,
Committee.

Moved by Lillian Hendricks, seconded by Ella Elstun, that the President send badges to the girls. Carried.

The following were read and given to the committee on greetings:

Niagara Falls, N. Y., May 17, 1908.

Mrs Marian Stratton Nation, President W. R. C.

Department of Kansas and ladies of the twenty-fourth annual convention assembled, "Greetings," with kind wishes for a pleasant time. I regret very much that I cannot be with you. Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.

Emma A. Bedell.

1882 Niagara Avenue.

Wichita, Kan., May 18. 1908.

Mrs. Marian S. Nation, Department President.

My Dear President and Members of the Twenty-fourth Annual Convention: I deeply regret that at the "eleventh hour" I am compelled to forego the pleasure of being with you in convention assembled. Although absent in person, I shall be present in spirit during all your deliberations. May peace and harmony prevail and may you return to your homes feeling that "it was good to have been there." May Heaven's choicest blessing rest upon one and all. Fraternally yours,

Mary Wadsworth Buckner, Past Department President.

Mrs. President and Sisters of Kansas W. R. C.: Again the time of meeting and the friendly hand clasp of the sisters of the W. R. C. convention makes a yearning in my soul to be with you, but the health of the family will not permit. Our prayer is that all your deliberations be under the sweetest of ties in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Emma B. Alrich, Past Department President.
Rachel Cauby Alrich, Past Department Secretary.

Hastings, Nebr., May 21, 1908.

Dora Wierman, W. R. C. Convention, Kansas City, Kan.

Nebraska W. R. C. returns greeting.

Harriet A. Wilcox.

Department of Indiana Woman's Relief Corps sends greetings.

Ida S. McBride, Committee.

Guthrie, Okla., May 21, 1908.

Department President W. R. C., in Convention,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Convention in convention assembled sends greetings.

President: Ladies, this is the compiled Journal that I had bound. It includes the Journals of Conventions to date. The cost of binding same was very small.

Mrs. President. We, your committee on Senior Vice President's report, find it faultless in every respect and recommend its acceptance.

MARY E. BRADLEY,
SUSAN NORTON,
IRENE TARBELL,
Committee.

Moved by Alice M. David, seconded by Emma Maunder, that the report be accepted. Carried.

Mrs. President: We, your committee on Senior Aide's report, find it most acceptable to us and recommend that same be accepted in full by this convention.

HATTIE S. COMSTOCK,
SARAH L. GUTHRIE,
IDA B. WARD,
MARY J. WAGONER,
EMOLYN NORMAN,
Committee.

Moved by Emma Hoagland, seconded by Ellen Clayton, that the report be accepted. Carried.

Emma Church, for her committee, said they had paid their visit to the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans and were received most cordially.

Mrs. President: We, your committee, having fully examined the report of our department treasurer, find the various funds carefully accounted for.

The report is a model in every way, neat, concise and correct.

The committee fails to find words to express its appreciation of her faithful, efficient work as Department Treasurer.

EVALYN BRADFORD,
HATTIE PALMER,
ELLA BICKELL,
MARY E. CLOGSTON,
Committee.

Moved by Cora M. Deputy, seconded by Margaret Kirch, that the report of the committee be accepted. Carried.

Moved by Mary M Carson, seconded by many, that this convention give to Mrs Bentley a rising vote of thanks for her

work as treasurer in serving the Department so efficiently. A rising vote was taken.

Moved by Anna H. Hall, seconded by May Hallam, that we proceed to the election of officers. Carried.

Julia Campbell: Mrs. President, Mrs. J. L. Simmons, President of the Kansas Day Club is in the anteroom, and would like to talk to the convention for a few minutes, as soon as possible. May we not admit her, as I think she has something to say that will interest us?

President: Ladies, what is your pleasure in this matter?

A motion was made by Florence A. Bunn, seconded by Emma Hoagland that as we were just in the midst of election, Mrs. Simmons be asked to come a little later. Carried.

Roll was called and it was found that 278 were entitled to vote.

A committee from the Sons of Veterans was admitted, composed of Past Commander R. L. Rickard, Romeo Swehla and C. O. Burt. They each made short talks.

President: Our sons, we thank you for this visit. We are interested in your order and wish it success. Please accept the badge of our convention.

President: Nominations for Treasurer are now in order.

Sarah Staplin: Mrs. President and sisters of this convention, the one that I wish to place in nomination is too well known to need anything said in her praise. I do want to say, however, that she has been a faithful worker in this order for many years. Has attended every convention, but one, since the one held in Beloit. She comes from a patriotic family. Her father was a colonel in the Civil war. She is perfectly competent to perform the work and if elected, I am sure you will have no cause to regret your choice. I take great pleasure in presenting the name of Miss Maggie Dornblaser, of Fredonia Corps No. 53, for Department Treasurer.

The nomination was seconded by Permelia Lawler, Ella Elstun, Julia Campbell, Carrie D. Frisbie, and Corps No. 7, 9, 63, 11, 22, 176, 31, 53, 238, 98, 99, 12, 27, 103, 54, 259, 260, 104, 59, 171, 90, 84, 6, 110, 71, 91, 64, 15, 111. 25, 20, 2, 52, 115, 206, and Helen A. Edwards.

Agnes Neff: Mrs. President and ladies of the convention, I wish to place in nomination Mrs. Sarah Parker, of Corps No. 56, for Department Treasurer. For the past three years she has filled the office with credit to the Corps and herself. She

served on the auditing board one year and has had ten years' experience as a bookkeeper. She is a graduate of the New York City schools and is the wife of a veteran, who like so many of his comrades is in failing health. Let us give to these old soldiers' wives the best we have while they are with us, for their ranks, too, are thinning out fast and we soldiers' daughters and loyal women will then have to take up the work. Ladies, if you elect Mrs. Parker treasurer of this Department you will, I assure you, make no mistake.

Nomination was seconded by Lydia Shepherd, Mary M. Carson, Marie Mathews, Una M. Kessler and Corps No. 56, 189, 230, 33, 50, 149, 174, 221, 220, 155, 92, 74, 119, 51, 5, 188, 161, 247, 133, 42, 179.

Adelle C. Vincent: Mrs. President and members of convention, as a member of Franklin W. R. C. No. 3, of Olathe, which furnished the first President and secretary of this Department, and not since these two whose hands penned the first lines of Department records has No. 3 been honored with a Department office: Now I desire to place in nomination for the office of Department Treasurer a soldier's daughter, a woman who is serving her eighth consecutive year as corps treasurer.

Should you by your ballots elect her to this office you will elect a capable and worthy woman. I take great pleasure in nominating Emolyn Norman for the office of Department Treasurer.

The nomination was seconded by Abbie Morris Henry, for Corps No. 3, and Corps No. 4, 24, 177, 1, 102, 194, 28, 234.

There being no other nominations, the ballots were collected and the tellers retired.

Mrs. President: We, your committee on Department Secretary's report, beg leave to submit the following: We have carefully examined the work of the year and heartily commend the efficient manner in which it has been performed, and the results acquired. We are especially pleased to note the organization of new corps, the reinstatement of delinquent Corps and the total gain in membership reported.

Agnes A. Heigele,
Nannie J. Swan,
Ida Wallace,
Elizabeth M. Fulton,
Maggie Nycum,
Committee.

Moved by Lillian Hendricks, seconded by Sarah Staplin, that the report be adopted. Carried.

President: Ladies, there is a comrade's wife whose life is slowly ebbing away. She is a member of Corps No. 119 of Lincoln, Kansas. This Corps has cared for this member for a number of years, and is willing to continue to do so, but it is a great strain upon it. I wish we might do something toward making her surroundings brighter while she remains in this life.

Moved by Evalyn Bradford, seconded by Anna Hall, that this convention present to Corps No. 119 from the Department relief fund, the sum of twenty-five ($25) dollars, to go toward the care of the aged soldier's widow in their town. Motion prevailed.

Mrs. Marian S. Nation, Department President.

Woman's Relief Corps.

I beg to submit to you the following report. The auditing committee met at Emporia, Kansas, October 23, 1907, with all members of the board present, Lettie Eldred, chairman. The books of the department treasurer and secretary were audited and found to be correct. The next meeting of the board was called at Emporia, Kansas, February 6, 1908, one member present. Almira Roberts, acting chairman. Belle C. Harris, of No. 70, was called in to assist. The books of the treasurer and secretary were examined and found to be correct in every particular. The next meeting of the board was called at Kansas City, Kansas, May 18, 1908, with two members present, Olive Russel, and Almira Roberts, acting chairman. The books were again audited and found to be correct in every way. The books show a balance in general fund of $1,067.69, and in relief fund, $519.70. Total in all others $1,764.36. The board has found the books to be models of neatness and accuracy, and the work was so systematized, that the board was able to complete their work in one day at each meeting. The department is to be congratulated upon the efficiency of two such able officers.

This report is submitted in F. C. and L.

Almira Roberts, Acting Chairman.

Moved by Annie Apple, seconded by Una M. Kessler, that the report be accepted. Carried.

Mrs. Heacock asked the consent of Corps No. 1, which had given her such a handsome bouquet that she might send it with the committee who are to visit the Sons of Veterans. Consent was given.

Mrs. President: We, your committee to whom the report of the Press Correspondent was referred, most heartily approve of her work, also of her associate Corps press correspondents,

for the past year. To the W. R. C. editorial department, found in each issue in a monthly magazine called the Club Member devoted to the interest of the Women's Clubs of Kansas; to the other patriotic organizations, should be given worthy praise for its influence, a never failing inspiration, which has advanced a stronger, purer love for patriotism by the skillful and interesting manner in which items of interest pertaining to this order have been brought to the wide notice of the public. As a committee, we take pleasure in commending her faithfulness in all her duties and the ability so skillfully shown.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

ANNA E. HOUGHTON,
BELLE WOODWARD,
CHARLOTTE MUNDELL,
MARY RICHARDSON,
Committee.

Moved by Kate Killmer, seconded by Nona Munson, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. President: Your committee on Chaplain's report desire to say that we find the report worthy of acceptance.

MARY B. HIBBARD,
ELLA EPPLER,
HATTIE MARSHALL,
MARY HARDY,
Committee.

Moved by Jennie Brewster, seconded by Dora Davidson, that the report be adopted. Carried.

While waiting for the tellers, the president said that Mrs. Simmonds had been waiting to be admitted, and instructed the conductor to escort her into the convention.

Mrs. J. L. Simmons: Ladies, I know you are just as busy as you can be, but your president has kindly given me five minutes to talk to you upon a matter that ought to be dear to every Kansas woman's heart. I represent the Woman's Kansas Day Club as its president. The object of the club is to preserve and promote Kansas history. Just now an effort is being made to procure Pawnee Rock in Barton county, owned by Benjamin P. Unruh, a Mennonite, who has promised to give this rock and five acres of land surrounding it, to the state for a memorial park if the women of Kansas will place thereon improvements to the amount of $3,000. Now the Club expects

MISS KATHRYN STANFIELD
Press Correspondent

to be able to raise the required amount by December 31, which is the time limit. Will you help us to make this historical spot a beautiful park? Mrs. President, I thank you for the time given me and for the privilege of speaking to this magnificent body of representative Kansas women. Mrs. Simmons then retired.

The tellers report 278 votes cast, necessary to a choice 140, of which Mrs. Norman received 67, Mrs. Parker 84, Miss Dornblaser 127.

President: There is no election, prepare your ballots for Department Treasurer. Ballots were collected and the tellers retired.

President: At the request of the President of the Woman's Kansas Day Club, I appointed Ida Wilson Moore, of Abilene, to represent the Woman's Relief Corps. She was then commissioned by Governor Hoch as a member of the Board of Trustees. She will now present her report.

Ida Wilson Moore: Mrs. President: One of the acts of the special term of the legislature last winter, was to pass a resolution authorizing the governor to accept for the state of Kansas, a deed to the five acres of ground upon which this rock stands.

This resolution was passed at the request of the Woman's Kansas Day Club, a patriotic organization which meets at the State Capitol once a year on January 29.

This organization is interested in collecting and preserving early Kansas history; and this year it is working to procure Pawnee Rock and turn it over to the state.

In furtherance of this project five members were selected from the W. K. D. C. by the president, Mrs. J. S. Simmons, and she also requested the Woman's Relief Corps and the Daughters of the American Revolution to aid financially in procuring this Rock for the State And she further requested the presidents of these organizations to appoint a member from each, to act in conjunction with the members from the W. K. D. C. Our Department President, Mrs. Nation, honored me by appointing me a member of this Board, from the Woman's Relief Corps.

Governor Hoch commissioned the members of this committee as a Board of Trustees to procure this property.

The members of this board bear their own expenses.

The owner of the property upon which Pawnee Rock stands is Benjamin P Unruh, a wealthy Russian-German. The Board met at Pawnee Rock, a small town of between 200 and 300 inhabitants, in April.

Mr. Unruh at that time agreed to give to the W. K. D. C. a deed to the five acres of ground surrounding and upon which the rock stands, and to sell to them a roadway or avenue from the rock to the little town of Pawnee Rock, 100 feet wide, for $650, providing the ground is to be planted in shade trees for a park, the avenue lined with trees, a wind mill and well to be placed on the grounds, the whole to be surrounded by a fence; a cement walk to be laid up one side of the avenue. A monument is to be erected, by restoring the rock with masonry as nearly as possible as it originally used to be, as it has been somewhat mutilated, and other improvements made.

A further proviso in the contract as presented to the Board in April was that in the event of a failure to keep up the improvements in time to come, the property is to revert to Mr. Unruh or his heirs.

This clause was seriously objected to by the Board, but it is believed that on further consultation with Mr. Unruh this may be overcome.

Providing this condition can be abolished, and the property remain the property of the state always; I would recommend:

That the Woman's Relief Corps aid financially the W. K. D. C. in securing to the state this historic spot, and that the Department President issue in General Orders a request to the various Corps for donations to the Pawnee Rock Fund.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

IDA WILSON MOORE,
Past Department President.

Moved by Mary Cotton, seconded by Irene Kimes, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. Moore spoke of the souvenir postals of Pawnee Rock as a means of obtaining some revenue for the project. The card sells for five cents.

President: Ladies, the school children have sent a rose to every member of this convention. The conductors may distribute them.

A motion was made by Ella Elstun, seconded by many, that a vote of thanks be given them for the roses. Carried.

Moved by Emma E. Forter, seconded by Belle C. Harris, that the Department President procure the names of the charter members of the Department and local Corps, and pay into the treasury of the Woman's Kansas Day Club, the membership fee of 25 cents a member from the general fund, and place their names in the State Historical Society. Motion prevailed.

President: Ladies, this afternoon at 3 o'clock will be held the memorial service.

Minnie D. Morgan: Mrs. President, a message has just come from the Grand Army encampment that they had unanimously indorsed Belle C. Harris for National President.

Mary M. Carson: There is in our convention this morning a woman whom I am sure we will delight to honor with an office. She was an army nurse during the beginning of the Civil war, and has served her Corps as President. Her Corps honors her for the sacrifices she made in serving her country, for without the women nurses in those days, many a soldier boy would have died. She is the only enlisted trained nurse attending this encampment. She enlisted when a girl at Peoria, Illinois, in 1862. She is 69 years old. Mrs. President, I nominate Mrs. Mary B. Maxfield, of Corps No. 1, for Department Chaplain. The nomination was seconded by Evalyn Bradford. There was no other nomination. Moved by Ellen M. Kimball, seconded by Emma A. Ellis, that the secretary cast the vote of the convention for Mrs. Maxfield for Chaplain. Carried. Two hundred seventy-eight votes were cast and she was declared elected.

The silk flag to be presented to the Kansas City High School was unfurled by the Department President and one verse of America was sung. The flag salute was then given by the convention.

Moved by Sarah Staplin, seconded by May Hallam, that when we adjourn, the hour of meeting shall be 1:30. Carried.

Moved by Belle C. Harris, seconded by Anna Heacock, that letters be sent to Addie Benjamin, Elizabeth R. Davidson, Helena S. Mason and Grandma Nichols. Carried.

Tellers report 279 votes cast for Treasurer, necessary to a choice 140. Mrs. Norman received 54, Mrs. Parker 76, Miss Dornblaser 149.

President: Maggie Dornblaser having received the majority vote for Treasurer, I declare her elected. Convention then adjourned to attend the flag presentation to the High School.

FLAG PRESENTATION

The flag presentation took place in the fine Auditorium of the High School building at 11:30 o'clock. Every seat was occupied and many persons stood. Music was furnished by the school

orchestra. America was sung by the audience. A beautiful flag drill was given by thirty-six little girls in white.

Department President: Professor Winslow; boys and girls of the Kansas City High School, I bring to you the greetings of 7000 loyal women in our own Department of Kansas. I also bring from these same women a gift—a priceless treasure—and as I look into your faces—the boys and girls of today, the men and women of tomorrow—I feel that I may entrust it to your keeping; that you will accept this beautiful flag and hand it down to your posterity as you have received it from us without a stain upon its colors or without one star obscured. I take pleasure in presenting to you the patriotic instructor, Mrs. Anna Heacock, who will present the flag.

Mrs. Heacock: Mrs. President, Comrades of the Grand Army, Professor Winslow and Members of the High School:

In all the history of the organization of the Woman's Relief Corps, no other scene is so vividly impressed on our minds, so fraught with promise, for the future destiny of American citizenship, as that presented by the students who daily march to and from the High School. It is an inspiration to look upon this living, moving picture, made of those who are studying the problems which will enable them to guide and control the future destiny of the nation, and preserve inviolate the principles so nobly defended by our nation's heroes. We have no fears, as we look ahead to the passing of a few more years, when you, who are members of the High School today, will take your places in the guidance of Patriotic Citizenship.

Do you ask why we have faith in your ability to protect our American institutions?

You have a Washington, whose noble character and lessons of patriotism shine as bright on the pages of your history, after a century and three-quarters, as at the time his abiding faith in the future independence of his country, and in obedience to God, who was leading him, he stood firm when the battle was all but lost, asking congress for soldiers to carry on the fight, which made America free.

As you now read of the dark days of the Revolution, you can only imagine a very small part of the cost in privation and hardship it took to lay the foundation of this government, which stands today a leader in the great work of freedom and civilization. Looking far into the future, Washington realized the benefits of independence to coming generations. In unselfish devotion to his principles he endured seven years of terrible struggle before the problem was solved. Those pages of American history will ever be the inspiration to good citizenship, with the laudable ambition of every true American to keep this nation as near as possible what it was destined to be, with virtue, honor and truth as the standard of its people.

We are told that avarice, greed and love of gain, devoid of the lofty principles of manhood, caused a blot to grow on America's soil. In the course of time it reached such gigantic proportions as to threaten the life of our great Republic. Then it was that by Divine Providence, a Lincoln was born who, like Moses of old, was destined to lead a people to liberty. If, from the study of the life and work of our martyred President in the greatest conflict that ever assailed our nation, you have become imbued with the principles that led on to victory in the war of 1861 to '65;

If, like our honored Lincoln, you possess, in the inward recesses of your mind and heart, a moral courage to dare and to do the right, and stand as a solid phalanx against the evils that assail us in face of enemies and opposition.

If, from your childhood up to the present time, patriotism has been instilled into their minds to the extent that when you meet the "Old Defender" who gave his best days to his country in the great Civil War, you salute him with the respect he honorably earned; furthermore, if there is indelibly stamped in your soul a love of country, and regard for its institutions, which had their origin at Plymouth Rock, where the little band of pilgrims knelt to thank God for bringing them to a land of religious liberty; then it is, we know, that your whole being is filled with a desire to be loyal and true to God, home and country.

Experience has taught us to be ever watchful of its interest. Our loved and honored President McKinley was slain by the assassin's hand. The question may well be asked, what are we going to do with the element which is showing the "Black Hand," when a priest would be shot down at the altar for no other reason than a wholesale hatred for those who fill that holy office?

Treason in any country is direful in its effects and must be summarily dealt with. We have statesmen who can read between the lines, and know that vigilance on land, shore and sea is a security for peace and respect of all nations.

Our honored President Roosevelt can look deeper into the mysteries of righteous government, and has a greater insight into the wants of the people as a nation, and with a far-reaching influence, has brought us on a higher plane of national importance than any who have preceded him. Yet this fact does not detract from the honor and praise of those who led this nation to liberty, caused a flag to be born, and when it was fired on at Fort Sumter, April 12, 1861, issued a call for men, who put down the rebellion, and left your flag and my flag waving in the breeze with the proud distinction that it was never trailed in the dust. What a glorious opportunity for the sons and daughters of such a valiant ancestry to distinguish themselves. The nation has peace, honor, wealth and education. By American education, you can become giants in learning. America for Americans. Let that be the first lesson taught those who land on our shores. One country, one

language, one flag, should be instilled into the minds of all who live in this United States of America, until they fully understand that while our flag means free speech, free schools, free thought, the forty-six stars in the blue field symbolize "The perpetuity of the Union." "In union there is strength," "United we stand, divided we fall." In the thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, the red reminds us of the cost of our beloved land in bloodshed, that Divine Providence led to victory in camp, field or fortress. The white is a symbol of truth, hope, purity and peace. The blue field speaks of loyalty, sincerity and justice. In the red, white and blue are combined the inspiring elements of a great and glorious nation.

A true American cannot stand and look on that flag without being moved to a stern determination to protect it at whatever cost, and keep sacred its emblems of purity, union and truth.

It has been truly said, that the hope of the nation is the public schools. Early lessons of patriotism never lose their power. The little children do not understand the full meaning of the daily salute to the flag, but the lesson it imparts leaves its impression stamped on their minds to be strengthened by the pages of history it becomes their duty to study in after years. When the organization of the Woman's Relief Corps proposed a gift to the High School in the city where the annual convention was held, it chose the flag, which is emblematic of the golden sentiments of patriotic men and women since its adoption June 14, 1777. Its fabric of silk will not wear for ages, but James Whitcomb Riley, in a few lines, expresses the sentiment that makes it more precious than gold, and as lasting as time.

"Its stripes of red, eternal dyed with heart streams of all lands;
Its white, the snow-capped hills that hide in storm their upraised hands;
Its blue, the ocean waves that beat 'round freedom's circled shore;
Its stars, the print of angels' feet that burn forevermore."

Principal Winslow and pupils of the Kansas City High School, as Department Patriotic Instructor, I have the honor to present to you, this beautiful flag. Accept it as a gift from the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Kansas. Place it where it will be a constant reminder of the heroes whose bright names adorn history's page. Let it be a daily lesson in Patriotism.

"Cherish it as our Nation's pride
Old Glory! the flag of the free;
For under its folds the patriot died,
To give union and honor to thee."

Prof. Winslow accepted the flag on behalf of the Kansas City High School. The exercises closed with the salute to the flag.

Thursday--Afternoon Session

The Convention was opened at 1:30 o'clock by Department President, Marian S. Nation.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

President: Nominations are in order for the Executive Board. Pauline L. Bentley was nominated by Annie A. Apple for chairman; seconded by Anna Hall.

Carrie D. Frisbie was nominated by Frances DeBowe, seconded by Sarah A. Garland.

Kate Killmer was nominated by Laura Cashner, seconded by Dora Davidson.

There were no other nominations.

Ella Miller read the report of alternate-at-large for Mrs. Papes, who was not present.

Moved by Margaret Mathews, seconded by Sarah Staplin, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. President. Your committee to visit the Sons of Veterans is ready to report:

We were most cordially received, and given a genuine, hearty welcome. Brother D. C. Tillotson, of Topeka, replied to the greetings and extended to our President, Mrs. Nation, their kindest wishes. A bunch of roses was presented to the Sons by Annie Heacock, President-elect. Also one from the Argentine Corps. We had the pleasure of meeting Commander-in-chief Dr. Ralph Sheldon, of Albany, New York, who said: "Every son loved every mother" and they called the Woman's Relief Corps their mother. We thank you, Mrs. Nation, for appointing us on this committee.

DORA B. ROGERS,
LILLIAN A. HENDRICKS,
LAURA E. COFFMAN,
Committee.

Moved by Elizabeth A. Drone, seconded by Fannie J. Loader, that we accept the report. Carried.

President: Ladies, I have just received an invitation from the Grand Army to unite with them in the installation this evening at 7:30. What is your pleasure?

Moved by Jennie L. V. Brewster, seconded by Anna H. Hall, that the invitation be accepted. Carried.

Tellers report 206 votes cast. Mrs. Killmer received 28; Mrs. Frisbie, 29; and Mrs. Bentley, 148.

Mrs. Bentley was declared elected chairman of the Executive Board.

Nominations for second member of the Executive Board.

Melissa Hoffman nominated Dora Wierman, seconded by Sarah Staplin.

Adelle C. Vincent nominated Emolyn Norman, seconded by Margaret Griffith.

Nona Munson nominated Carrie D. Frisbie, seconded by Elizabeth Van Antwerp.

Permelia Lawler nominated Jennie Brewster, seconded by Flora Shearer.

There were no other nominations. Ballots were collected and tellers retired.

Margaret Griffith was asked to take the place of Lucy Reed Jones, as teller.

Minutes of the council meeting were read by the Department Secretary.

Minutes of First Council Meeting

Topeka, Kan., May 9, 1908.

First council meeting of the newly elected officers for the Department of Kansas, W. R. C., held in Headquarters' room in Copeland Hotel. Marian S. Nation, Department President, called the meeting to order. Moved by Mrs. Eldred, seconded by Mrs. Bentley, that the President be empowered to draw money and pay all the bills as they accumulate. Carried. Moved, that the President make all necessary arrangements for the National Convention, and call upon her staff of officers for any assistance desired. Carried. Report of Executive Board meeting as follows, by Cora M. Deputy, Lettie Eldred, chairman; Cora M. Deputy, secretary; Olive Russel, third member; Almira Roberts, fourth member; Mary L. Smith, fifth member. Motion to adjourn carried.

MARIAN STRATTON NATION, Department President.

ANNA H. HALL, Department Secretary.

Auditing Board: Lettie Eldred, chairman, Ellsworth; Olive Russell, Larned; Almira Roberts, Severance.

Minutes of Second Council Meeting

Second Council meeting, held at Grund Hotel, Kansas City, Kan., May 19, 1908. Minutes of last meeting read and ap-

proved. Mrs. Carson spoke of the advisability of binding the last Journals, so that in case of fire the Journals might be preserved. Some discussion followed, favoring her suggestions. Moved by Mrs. Deputy that another volume of Journals, like the one in possession, be bound, by the outgoing President. Seconded unanimously and carried. Mrs. Nation spoke of halftones for the Journal, wishing them sent in as soon as possible. Moved by Mrs. Frisbie, that the "Club Member" be allowed to use the cuts for special number if it so desired. Motion carried. Mrs. Moore was called to present the matter of the purchase of Pawnee Rock, she being chairman of the committee appointed by the Department President of the W. R. C., and approved by Governor Hoch. After consideration, it was moved by Mrs. Heacock and seconded by many that Mrs. Moore present this matter to the Convention with the consent of the Council in financially assisting the Kansas Day Club in securing this property. Moved by Mrs. Frisbie, seconded by Mrs. Heacock, that we adjourn to meet at call of the President. Carried. Members present: Mesdames Nation, Carson, Bentley, Frisbie, Heacock, Deputy, Brewster, Russell, Roberts, Hall and Miss Stanfield.

Moved by Kate Fletcher, seconded by Kate Killmer, that the minutes as read, be adopted. Carried.

ANNA H. HALL, *Department Secretary.*

Mrs. President: Your Committee on Greetings have sent telegrams to the Departments of Indiana, Illinois, Oklahoma and Nebraska. Letters were sent to Past Department Presidents, who were unable to attend, to the Departments of Iowa and Missouri, Grandma Nichols, Helena S. Mason, Addie Benjamin, Elizabeth R. Davidson and Frank P. Bellamy, author of our Flag Salute. Respectfully submitted,

DORA WEIRMAN, *Chairman.*

Moved by Jennie Marsh, seconded by Saphrona Calhoun, that the report be accepted. Carried.

Tellers report 226 votes cast. Necessary to a choice, 114. Mrs. Frisbie received 64; Mrs. Norman, 70; Miss Weirman, 70; Mrs. Brewster, 22.

President: There is no election. Prepare your ballots for second member of Executive Board.

Jennie Brewster withdrew her name. Julia A. Chase, chair-

man of the Committee on Resolutions, gave her report, as follows:

Mrs. President, your committee to whom has been assigned the duty of compiling the resolutions of this convention, beg leave to submit the following:

WHEREAS: As women of loyalty to our country and especially, members of the Woman's Relief Corps, with a view to a greater growth of patriotism, and enthusiastic zeal, be it,

Resolved: That we would respectfully recommend that the Silent Salute (called the Chautauqua) given with the handkerchiefs be given by the members of the W. R. C., with small silken flags, and be it further

Resolved: That the Salute be named the Betsey Ross Salute.

The committee recommends its adoption.

Resolved: That the National Convention be requested to reduce the initiation fee to $1.00, including price of badge.

This having gone up to National before and rejected, we do not recommend sending it again.

Resolved: That we ask the new Department President to make a special effort toward the building up of the feeble Colored Corps and the organization of new ones.

Committee recommends its adoption.

Resolutions of Courtesy

1st. That this Twenty-fourth Annual Convention of Kansas Woman's Relief Corps will remain in our memory as one of the most delightful in our history, because of the harmony and good fellowship which has prevailed and because of the presence of and the personal greetings from so many members of Sister Departments and especially by the visit of Farragut-Thomas Corps of Kansas City, Mo., which came in a body.

2d. That we appreciate the honor of having had with us our National President, Kate E. Jones, and feel that her gracious words and cooperation in the flag presentation has endeared her to all.

That we hereby express to our retiring President our admiration for her wise and skillful conduct of this convention and her just rulings.

That we are deeply grateful to the President of Corps No. 1, Mrs. M. V. Simmons; Ella Kingscott, of No. 177; Mrs.

Leyland, of No. 188 and Mary E. Jenkins, of No. 22, and their respective Corps for the unflagging zeal shown in ministering to our enjoyment in all ways.

That we hereby express our appreciation of the cordial welcome given by Mayor Cornell and others; of the beautiful roses sent by the school children; of the kindness of the pastor and members in permitting us the use of their fine church; of the organ solo by Mrs. Scheick, and song by Mr. Tracy; and of the skillful way in which the convention pianist, Lillian Welsh, has officiated; of the respect and kindness shown us by the citizens of Kansas City, and the courtesy of Mr. W. A. White, editor of the Emporia Gazette, in supplying the convention with ballots.

The committee approves all the above. Respectfully submitted.

HELEN A. EDWARDS,
JULIA A. CHASE,
MARY R. FOX,
BARBARA E. POND,
MARY C. WALKER,
Committee.

Moved by Florence A. Bunn, seconded by Anna A. Ellis, that the report of the committee be adopted. Motion prevailed.

Moved by May Hallam, seconded by Olive J. Peters, that the resolutions as approved by the committee be adopted. Carried.

Minnie D. Morgan moved, seconded by Jennie Goddard, that the Memorial Service be not held at this time. The motion was stated and lost.

Department President: The hour has arrived for the memorial service of our departed sisters. Since we last gathered here one hundred and twenty have been transferred to God's roll-call. May the earliest buds of springtime unfold their beauties over their resting places, and in the bright morning of the world's resurrection, may their souls spring into newness of life and expand into immortal beauty, beyond the skies.

Department Chaplain then called the roll of our deceased sisters. The song, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," was then sung, followed by prayer by Sister Ellis, Chaplain. Solo, "Face to Face," by Belle C. Harris.

IN MEMORIAM

By Mrs. Minnie D. Morgan

In all the strange and wondrous stories that have drifted to us from unauthentic records there is one that has been the theme for many a strange and mystic story.

The legend says that when human sin had started with our Savior to the place of crucifixion, among the crowds who followed, there was one who jeered loudest; whose scoffs were most malicious; whose revilings most inflamed the multitude; who clamored most vehemently for the death of our Lord. And in the midst of all the awful uproar the gentle voice of the Savior came to him and it said: "Tarry here till I come." In a moment he realized his doom. He was never to know the shelter of the grave. An immortal existence in a world made for change. To feel the keen misery of surviving all he loved. To stand on the verge of the grave without the power to seek its refuge, with numberless ages of memories and despair—barred from the last earthly rest. And the story tells us that he lived on and on; that he carried the sentence of incurable agony. Ages on ages passed him by; then, one of the legends tells us that his soul, bearing the sorrows of centuries, burdened with sin and despair, appealed to our tender Lord and grace and forgiveness gave him the earthly rest—the grave.

The peace, the gratitude we might feel for the last human rest given us by the Father we do not always know, but when we study this ancient legend we can understand that while we feel painfully the loss of the now silent voices, their last rest in Mother Earth is the loving release from care and unrest.

This service today, in memory of our departed friends, is filled with tenderness. They were women who lived to help the world grow better. They have carried the kind word, the helping hand,and all human contact grew brighter for the love-light of God that shone upon their souls. Beautiful their work. In the memory of their thoughts and words we linger, oh! so tenderly. As the open door of meeting comes to us, there comes the yearning thought of their coming, then we know that another opens for them:

"In God's Eden land unknown
With an angel at the doorway,
White with gazing on the throne,
And a saint's voice in the palm trees
Singing 'All is lost—and won.'"

Oh! the beautiful faith in our Heavenly Father which gives us the comfort in the hour of pain. Our sisters, our comrades, in the struggles of earth, have won their glorious life in the city of our God. They have builded for humanity and in the eternal cycles naught is lost. They have finished their work and they sleep by loving thought of our Divine Lord. To them has come the hoped for day for which we keep the upward look.

"Some perfect day my eyes will read
The Meaning hid 'neath clouding masks;
Some perfect day my word and deed
Will fill the ideal my spirit asks.
Dear perfect day of days to be,
Which safe the steadfast heaven doth keep
Deep filled with love and rest for me,
Close pressed with sheaves I yet shall reap,
When they who watch beside me see
Only that I have fallen asleep."

The convention stood in silence for a moment. Lillian A. Hendricks spoke of the serious illness of Frank E. Bellamy, of Cherryvale, a Spanish-American war soldier, and the author of "The Salute to the Flag," and asked that a letter from this convention be sent to him. Grandma Nichols, of Reading Corps, was also spoken of as being very ill, and Hannah Stratton asked that she might also be remembered.

President: I will ask the chairman on greetings to send letters to those spoken of.

Tellers report 226 votes cast.

Necessary to a choice, 114.

Mrs. Norman received 79.

Mrs. Frisbie, 62.

Miss Weirman, 85.

President: There is no election. Prepare your ballots for second member of executive board.

Carrie D. Frisbie withdrew her name.

Tellers report 217 votes cast.

Emolyn Norman received 106.

Dora Weirman received 111.

A majority vote having been given to Dora A. Weirman, she was declared elected as second member of the board.

Moved by Margaret Griffith, seconded by Annie A. Apple,

that the secretary cast the vote of the convention for Emolyn Norman for third member of the board. Motion carried.

Two hundred and seventeen votes were cast and Mrs. Norman was declared elected.

Mary M. Carson nominated Florence A. Bunn for fourth member, seconded by Julia Campbell.

Mary E. Roney nominated Alice Edington, seconded by Alice Randall.

Cora M. Deputy nominated Mattie Swartwood, seconded by Ida W. Moore.

Dora Weirman nominated Ella Elstun, seconded by May Roberts.

Margaret Griffith nominated Kate Lewis, seconded by Mary E. Clogston.

Ballots were collected and tellers retired.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the department secretary and convention secretary.

The delegates and alternates from the districts that had previously been elected, were approved by the convention.

Belle C. Harris: Mrs. President, I would like to have the privilege of nominating Lillian A. Hendricks, of Cherryvale Corps No. 84, for delegate at large. The nomination was seconded by Amanda Lobinger. There was no other nomination. Mrs. Hendricks was then declared elected delegate at large.

Lila Godfrey nominated Emma Jolliffe for alternate at large. No other nomination. Moved by Annie Apple, seconded by Addie Osbourne, that the secretary cast the vote of the convention for Mrs. Jolliffe. Carried. Two hundred and seventeen votes were cast, and she was declared elected.

Sarah A. Staplin was nominated for delegate by Dora Weirman, seconded by Jennie Brewster. No other nomination.

Moved by Emma Hoagland, seconded by May Hallam, that the secretary cast the vote of the convention for Mrs. Staplin. Carried. This was done and she was declared elected.

Emma Kalb was nominated for delegate by May Murphy, seconded by Olive Peters. Moved by May Hallam, seconded by Pauline L. Bentley that the secretary cast the vote of the convention for Emma Kalb. Carried. Vote was cast and she was elected.

Jennie Brewster nominated Permelia Lawler for alternate, seconded by Sadie Gulley. Moved by Alice Randall, seconded by Sara Foster, that the secretary cast the vote of the conven-

tion for Mrs. Lawler. Carried. The vote was cast and Mrs. Lawler was elected.

Sarah J. Boone nominated May Hallam for alternate; seconded by Alice Edington. Moved by Cecil Kalb, seconded by Maggie Dornblaser, that the secretary cast the vote of the convention for Mrs. Hallam. Carried. The vote was cast and she was elected.

Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Tellers report 167 votes cast.

Necessary to a choice, 89.

Mrs. Edington received 27.

Mrs. Bunn received 72.

Mrs. Swartwood received 34.

Mrs. Lewis received 11.

Mrs. Elstun received 23.

President: There is no election. Prepare your ballot for fourth member.

Mrs. Swartwood, Mrs. Elstun and Mrs. Lewis withdrew.

Tellers report 155 votes cast.

Necessary to choice, 78.

Mrs. Bunn received 109.

Mrs. Edington received 41.

Mrs. Lewis received 4.

Mrs. Elstun received 1.

Mrs. Bunn was declared elected fourth member of the board.

President: Prepare your ballots for fifth member of the board.

Ida Dye nominated Carrie D. Frisbie, seconded by Jennie Webber.

Laura Cashner nominated Kate Killmer, seconded by May Briggs.

Mary Roney nominated Alice Edington, seconded by Alice Randall.

Tellers retired.

Moved by Anna H. Hall, that a rising vote of thanks be given Mrs. Welsh, our pianist, for her beautiful music. Carried.

Tellers report.

Total vote cast 160.

Necessary to a choice 81.

Mrs. Frisbie received 64.

Mrs. Edington received 34.

Mrs. Killmer received 62.

Mrs. Edington and Mrs. Frisbie withdrew their names. Mrs. Frisbie made a motion, seconded by Lillian Hendricks, that the secretary cast the vote of the convention for Mrs. Killmer. Carried. One hundred and sixty votes were cast and she was declared elected fifth member of the board.

Moved by Mary Carson, seconded by Annie Apple, that all unfinished business be acted upon by the incoming council. Carried.

The minutes of the latter part of this afternoon's session were read and approved.

President: I want again to thank the Corps of Kansas City and Argentine, for the many courtesies extended to me. You have literally strewn my path with flowers and I shall never forget you.

Moved by May Hallam, seconded by Mrs. M. V. Simmons, that we adjourn. Motion prevailed.

Installation.

The installation of officers of the Woman's Relief Corps was held jointly with the Grand Army in the Auditorium, Thursday evening.

The officers of the Grand Army were installed by Past Department Commander R. A. Campbell. After the officers were installed, Judge Advocate O. L. Moore presented Comrade Campbell with a handsome badge, from the Department of the Grand Army.

The officers of the W. R. C. were installed by National Chief of Staff Belle C. Harris. Beautiful flowers were presented to Mrs. Nation, Mrs. Heacock, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Deputy. Comrade Callahan gave to Mrs. Anna Heacock a handsome bouquet.

R. A. CAMPBELL
Commander Department of Kansas, G. A. R.

Report of President to Department Commander

To Department Commander R. A. Campbell and Comrades of The Grand Army of The Republic.

Past Department Presidents—Julia A. Campbell, Lucy Reed Jones, Minnie D. Morgan, Annie A. Apple and Julia A. Chase, bring to you the cordial greetings of seven thousand loyal women in the Department of Kansas. They also bring to you a report of the past year's work, and again we renew our allegiance to the Grand Army of the Republic. Our finances are in excellent condition; all indebtedness paid.

Balance in General Fund	$1,700 00
Balance in Relief Fund	400 00
Total in Treasury, including supplies	$2,002 00

The following items may be of interest to your department: Number of corps in the department, 159; number of members including delinquents (approximately), 7,173; new members received by initiation, 699; aggregate in general fund of corps, $6,251.13; cash expended for relief during the year, $1,629.32; value of relief other than money, $2,586.45; amount turned over to Posts, $1,388.41; number of persons assisted soldiers and families, 1,733; number of soldiers' graves decorated by help of Woman's Relief Corps, 7,304.

Prominent among the pleasant memories of the past year's work will ever be your words and acts of kindness, that have been so helpful to me. Hoping that peace and harmony may prevail throughout your deliberations, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Marian Stratton Nation,

Department President of Woman's Relief Corps.

Department of Kansas, Auxiliary of Grand Army of Republic.

DECORATION DAY.

The little green tents, where the soldiers sleep,
And the sunbeams play and the women weep,
  Are covered with flowers today;
And between the tents walk the weary few
Who were young and stalwart in sixty-two,
  When they went to the war away.
The little green tents are built of sod,
And they are not long and they are not broad,
  But the soldiers have lots of room;
And the sod is part of the land they saved,
When the flag of the enemy darkly waved,
  The symbol of dole and doom.
The little green tent is a thing divine;
The little green tent is a country's shrine,
  Where patriots kneel and pray;
And the brave men left, so old, so few,
Were young and stalwart in sixty-two,
  When they went to the war away.

—Walt Mason, in The Emporia Gazette.

Letters and General Orders

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
EMPORIA, KANSAS, MAY 14, 1907.

Circular Letter
No. 1

MEMORIAL DAY

I.

"Cover them over with beautiful flowers,
Deck them with garlands, those heroes of ours,
Lying so silent by night and by day,
Sleeping the years of their manhood away.

Cover the thousands who sleep far away,
Sleep where their friends cannot find them today,
God will reward those dead heroes of ours
And cover them over with beautiful flowers."

II.

MEMORIAL DAY

"'Tis the Sabbath of the nation, 'tis the floral feast of May,
In remembrance of our heroes, we keep Memorial Day."

III. It is our mission of love to perpetuate their memory, and as we weave chaplets and garlands of beautiful flowers, (sweet messengers of sympathy,) may their perfume purify our own lives and help us to make the last days of those who are with us yet, brighter because of the loyalty of the Woman's Relief Corps. Let us bring our starry banners to the music of bugles sweet to place with our tributes of Spring's purest blossoms on the mossy mounds all over our broad land, and let those who live near rivers or lakes, scatter their tributes of love on the shining face of the waters.

IV. On Memorial Sunday, let all Corps join with their Posts in a sacred observance of this day.

V. Corps Chaplains are requested to forward Memorial Day reports before June 5 to Emma A. Ellis, Corps No. 64, Department Chaplain, Garnett, Kansas.

By command of
MARIAN STRATTON NATION,
Department President.

ANNA H. HALL,
Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
EMPORIA, KANSAS, MAY 14, 1907.

General Orders
No. 1

I. Fully realizing the high honor conferred upon me by the Twenty-third Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps at Topeka, I hereby assume command.

II. Headquarters of the Department are established at Emporia, to which place all communications pertaining to decisions and questions of law should be addressed.

III. The quarterly reports, returns, records and charter fees must be addressed to Anna H. Hall, Department Secretary, Emporia.

IV. All orders for supplies must be made on requisition blanks, accompanied by express order, bank draft or money order, payable to Department Treasurer Pauline L. Bentley, Mound City.

V. Officers elected, appointed and installed for the ensuing year are as follows:

President, Marian Stratton Nation, No. 70, Emporia.
Senior Vice President, Flora A. Shearer, No. 94, Topeka.
Junior Vice President, Jennie L. V. Brewster, No. 259, Baxter Springs.
Secretary, Anna H. Hall, No. 70, Emporia.
Treasurer, Pauline L. Bentley. No. 122, Mound City.
Chaplain, Emma A. Ellis, No. 64, Garnett.
Inspector, Carrie D. Frisbie, No. 59, Smith Center.
Counselor, Mary Mitchell Carson, No. 208, Wellington.
I. and I. Officer, Emma B. Bigley, No. 240, Garden City.
Patriotic Instructor, Anna Heacock, No. 76, Parsons.
Press Correspondent, Kathryn Stanfield, No. 112, Belleville.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Lettie Eldred, Chairman, Ellsworth, No. 12.
Cora M. Deputy, Secretary, Manhattan, No. 43.
Olive Russell, Larned, No. 61.
Almira Roberts, Severance, No. 75.
Mary L. Smith, Salina, No. 51.

VI. Flag Day, June 14, is near. All Corps will observe the day with befitting ceremonies, and let each one see that Old Glory is flying to the breeze and wafted from every housetop.

VII. Further announcements, appointments and the decisions of the convention will be made in next general orders.

VIII. Fully appreciating the congratulations, kind wishes and beautiful letters already received, I desire your continued cooperation throughout the year.

By command of
MARIAN STRATTON NATION,
Department President.

ANNA H. HALL,
Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
EMPORIA, KANSAS, JUNE 19, 1907.

General Orders
No. 2

The following decisions of the Department Convention, held in Topeka, May 7 to 9 inclusive, are hereby promulgated:

I. That the National Convention be requested to reduce the membership fee to one dollar, including the price of the badge.

II. That the per capita tax remain the same, seven cents per member quarterly.

III. That the representation of Department Convention remain as heretofore, one delegate for each thirty-five members, and an additional delegate for a final fraction of over one-half that number.

IV. That Corps send during the year, books, magazines, pictures, material for fancywork, etc., to the Mother Bickerdyke Home at Ellsworth.

V. That Corps be instructed to conform to Rules and Regulations.

VI. That names of Corps Patriotic Instructors be forwarded to Department Patriotic Instructor as soon as practicable, after this Convention.

VII. That hereafter Rosters include the names of Patriotic Instructors, and that patriotic literature be sent direct to them, and they be held responsible for its proper use.

VIII. That the Department President appoint officers for District Conventions, where none was elected last year.

Suggestions adopted:

IX. That Relief Corps place in the school rooms of their cities or districts, good pictures representing historical or patriotic scenes.

X. That the order of exercises for the use of district meetings promulgated in Mary W. Buckner's General Orders No. 4, be republished during this summer.

XI. That the Department of Kansas indorse Mrs. Emma E. Forter as a candidate for National President of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Resolutions adopted:

(1) Relative to increasing the pension of soldiers' widows to twelve dollars per month.

(2) Recommending that steps be taken towards state ownership of the John Brown battlefield at Osawatomie.

(3) Directing delegates to National Convention to use their influence for Kansas City, Mo., as the meeting place for the Encampment in 1908. (Further resolutions will be published in Journal.)

XII. Delegates and alternates to National Convention, 1907:

Delegate at Large

Agnes Heigele, Iola, No. 145.

Delegates

Permelia Lawler, Pittsburg, No. 98.
Sadie P. Gulley, Argentine, No. 177.
Dora Gandy, First District, Topeka, No. 94
Ella Miller, Second District, Bonner Springs, No. 234.
Delia Lord, Third District, Independence, No. 117.
Myra Sinclair, Fourth District, Burlingame, No. 37.
——Fairman, Fifth District, Wakefield, No. 228.
Irene Tarbell, Sixth District, Beloit, No. 52.
Adda Benjamin, Seventh District, Nickerson, No. 25.
Mary E. Colburn, Eighth District, McPherson, No. 110.

Alternate at Large

Alice Papes, Wichita, No. 40.

Alternates

Maggie Dornblaser, Fredonia, No. 53.
Anna Heacock, Parsons, No. 76.
Josephine Jones, First District, Holton, No. 15.
——— ——— Second District.
Mary Joyce, Third District, Chanute, No. 90.
Sarah J. Boone, Fourth District, Melvern, No. 150.
Hannah Carver, Fifth District, Frankfort, No. 96.
——Tooker, Sixth District, Phillipsburg, No. 221.
Mary E. Bradley, Seventh District, Jetmore, No. 41.
Fannie Fisher, Eighth District, Belle Plaine, No. 141.

XIII. Blanks for quarterly reports for quarter ending June 30 have been forwarded. Corps President will see that they are carefully filled out, so that they may be returned to Department Secretary not later than July 10. Per capita tax should be made payable to Department Treasurer Pauline L. Bentley, Mound City, Kansas, but sent with quarterly reports to Department Secretary.

XIV. Corps are requested to send their choice of Inspectors to Carrie D. Frisbie, Smith Center, not later than July 10, otherwise assistant inspectors will be appointed.

XV. Corps Patriotic Instructors will send a report of their work to Anna Heacock, Department Patriotic Instructor, Parsons, at least once each quarter.

XVI. Corps Press Correspondents will report to Department Press Correspondent, Kathryn Stanfield, Belleville, at least quarterly.

XVII. All Corps that will furnish sunflowers for the National Convention, will send them direct to Department President before August 15.

XVIII. The Department Password is promulgated with this Order.

XIX. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Senior Aide and Chief of Staff.

May Murphy, No. 9, Lawrence.

Aides.

Maria Hiller, No. 5, North Topeka.
Mary Willie, No. 10, Clay Center.
Nettie Potter, No. 25, Nickerson.
Mattie B. Nyce, No. 35, Caldwell.
Emma Niles, No. 37, Burlingame.
Ida McKelvey, No. 39, Wabaunsee.
Mary C. Jenkins, No. 66, Topeka.
Mary L. Foreman, No. 72, Council Grove.
Rosa Jennings, No. 73, Burlington.
Mattie Zook, No. 94, Topeka.
Mary Irwin, No. 104, Atchison.
Nettie Torrence, No. 107,Reading.
Ellen Simms, No. 113, Lawrence.
Susan M. Weir, No. 156, Harper.
Phebe C. Steffen, No. 176, Yates Center.
Kate Maynard, No. 190, Troy.
Mary McCormick, No. 219, Marquette.
Ella S. Robinson, No. 239, Tescott.
Florence Daugherty, No. 260, Neodesha.
Laura Coffman, No. 261, Erie.

These Aides will report at once to the Chief of Aides, May Murphy, Lawrence, who will forward them their commissions.

XX. The following officers of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Kansas, were elected at the Convention in Topeka:

Department Commander, R. A. Campbell, Hutchinson.

Department Senior Vice-Commander, B. F. Boyle, Atchison.

Department Junior Vice-Commander, E. A. Gibert, Fontana.

Department Medical Director, H. G. Patterson, Rexford.

Department Chaplain, S. S. Weatherby, Lawrence.

The first General Orders of Department Commander Campbell have been received and placed on file. Also General Orders from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Nellie R. McMillan, President, and from the Sons of Veterans, Charles B. Martin, Division Commander, Parsons, all of which we appreciate, and extend our greetings to the same.

XXI. The Department hereby extends greetings to the new Corps, No. 262, at Caney.

XXII. The next General Orders will announce all information in regard to National Convention in September. Will also forward credential cards at the same time. All members who contemplate accompanying Department Headquarters will notify the Department Secretary at once, that vacancies may be filled before leaving the state.

XXIII. Corps Chaplains will send the Memorial Day report to Emma A. Ellis, Department Chaplain, Garnett.

By command of MARIAN STRATTON NATION,
Department President.

ANNA H. HALL, Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
EMPORIA, KANSAS, AUG. 14, 1907.

General Orders
No. 3

I. The annual inspection of Corps, will be held during the months of September, October and November. Inspection will be made at regular meetings if possible, but if necessary, special meetings will be called for this purpose. Corps Presidents will see that all books and records, for the year, from September 1, 1906, to September 1, 1907, are ready for examination, and be prepared to answer all questions on blank form O, which will be forwarded to you by the Department Inspector.

II. All Corps must be inspected. See Chap. V, Art. V, Section 1, Rules and Regulations.

III. Corps Presidents will see that their Corps choose, but not appoint, their own inspectors. This power is vested only in Department President and Department Inspector.

IV. We hope that the assistant inspectors realize the importance of the duty assigned them. Familiarize yourselves with the work of the Corps in every detail; becoming teachers, and by your instruction and encouragement, assist all officers and members alike.

V. All Corps will receive their inspector courteously and cordially, remembering these assistants, in consenting to assume their duty, are performing one of the most laborious tasks of our order.

VI. Corps will bear the expense of inspection when they can possibly do so. If any Corps feel that they cannot bear the expense, by notifying the Department Inspector, some arrangement will be made so that these Corps will be inspected.

VII. The following assistant inspectors are hereby announced:

No. 70.—President Marian Stratton Nation, 1, 5, 9, 10, 23, 25, 27, 40, 54, 56, 66, 71, 72, 73, 94, 99, 100; 107, 111, 133, 35, 148, 158, 188, 200, 262, 234.

No. 59.—Department Inspector Carrie D. Frisbie, 2, 6, 20, 43, 51, 63, 67, 74, 77, 86, 87, 96, 125, 135, 149, 172, 206, 221, 228.

No. 122.—Department Treasurer Pauline L. Bentley, 11, 64, 118.

No. 76.—Department Pat. Inspector Anna Heacock, 31, 32, 259.

No. 208.—Past Department President Mary Mitchell Carson, 35, 141, 171.

No. 40.—Past Department President Mary Wadsworth Buckner, 7, 137, 156.

No. 145.—Past Department President Annie A. Apple, 176.

No. 206.—Past Department President Emma E. Forter, 44, 258.

No. 111.—Past Department President Julia Campbell, 14, 110, 199, 222, 237.

No. 42.—Past Department President Julia A. Chase, 75, 190.

No. 63.—Past Department President Ida Wilson Moore, 70.

No. 70.—Past Department President Belle C. Harris, 90, 145, 261.

Florence A. Bunn, No. 57, 91, 92, 179, 420.
Anna A. Houghton, 76, 98, 122, 144.
Nannie J. Swan, 195, 230.
Julia A. Barackman, 247.
Harriet Griffith, 12.
Lettie Eldred, 241.
Mary C. Walker, 22, 113.
Ida Wallace, 50, 104.
Hannah M. Carver, 13, 42, 238.
Daisy McCray, 189.
Myra Sinclair, 39, 19, 102, 146.
Cora M. Deputy, 47, 48, 103, 112, 213
Tennie H Tansey, 24
Elizabeth Herby, 89
Emily Steadman, 79
Maria Chase, 254
E. A. Drone, 194.
Nellie Stephens, 175.
Anna Hetherington, 80, 84.
Rosa Simmons, 161, 130.
Nannie Schriver, 21, 65.
Sadie P. Gulley, 3, 28.
Maggie Leppeman, 201.
Huldah Barrett, 129, 130, 187, 248.
Mrs. Dr. Mason, 52.
Jennie Martin, 59.
Cecelia Preddy, 4.
Jessie L. Kinslow, 8.
Mary L. Smith, 119, 197, 219.
Lillian A. King, 26, 29, 38.
Josa Hinkhouse, 255.
Ida A. McKelvey, 37.
Catherine Kingsbury, 30.
Minnie Lee, 36, 45, 185.
Mary Krudwig, 53.
Helen Wheeler, 41.
Elfie Howe, 58, 184.
Rosa G. Jennings, 68.
Sarah A. Rice, 81.
Lizzie Keenan, 150.
Maggie Byrd, 260.
Carrie Enoch, 174.
Myra Weidenheimer, 175.
Fannie Boyer, 214.
Margaret Loy, 192.
Laura B. Myers, 208.
Sarah I. Penny, 15
Anise Boyd, 239.
Angeline Daynude, 242.
Mary E. Bradley, 61.
Ella Elstun, 117.
Mrs. Mull, 177.

VIII. If any of the above named assistant inspectors cannot serve, notify the Department Inspector at once, that others may be appointed, that the work will not be delayed.

IX. The following aides are hereby appointed:

Elfie Howe, No. 76, Parsons.
Susan M. Weir, No. 156, Harper.
Maude Catren, No. 27, Carbondale.
Mary Briggs, No. 3, Olathe.
Evalyn Mavity, No. 30, Norcatur.

Kate Forbes, No. 68, Ottumwa.
Nettie Bates, No. 21, Augusta.
Mary B. Currans, No. 99, Peabody.
Callie McDade, No. 221, Phillipsburg.
Kate Hansen, No. 75, Severance.
Lovina Martin, No. 54, Waverly.
Jennie Wilcox, No. 94, Topeka.

These aides will report at once to the Chief of Aides, May Murphy, Lawrence, who will forward them their commissions.

X. By the decision of the twenty-third annual convention, I hereby appoint the following officers to serve in their respective districts for the ensuing year:

Seventh District.

President—Florence A. Bunn, La Crosse.
Senior Vice-President—Helen Wheeler, Larned.
Junior Vice-President—Lizzie Boyce, Sterling.
Treasurer—Adda Benjamin, Nickerson.

Eighth District.

President—Hattie E. Riley, ElDorado.
Senior Vice-President—Flora I. Huss, Mt. Hope.
Junior Vice-President—Alice Pollard, Sedgwick.
Treasurer—Elizabeth Herby, Newton.

Fourth District.

President—Sarah J. Boone, Melvern.
Senior Vice-President—Myra E. Sinclair, Burlingame.
Junior Vice-President—Jennie Myers, Hamilton.
Treasurer—Ida A. McKelvey, Wabaunsee.

The President will appoint her Secretary.

Following is the order of business for District Conventions:

Morning Session—9 A. M.

President of entertaining Corps shall call the District Convention to order and introduce District President, who shall open the convention in due form.

Scripture Reading.
Prayer.
Song, America.
Address of Welcome.
Response.
Calling Roll of Corps.
Report of Credential Committee.
Appointment of Committee on Resolutions.
Reading of Letters, Telegrams, etc.
Reports of Corps Presidents as to the manner of carrying on the Woman's Relief Corps work, or anything pertaining to the good of the order.

Afternoon Session—1:30 P. M.

Call to Order.
Reading of Minutes.

Exemplification of Ritual by entertaining Corps.

Criticism on the same by District President or any one present.

Opening of Question Box.

General Discussion of Matters Pertaining to the Good of the Order.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Election of Officers.

Naming of Next Place of Meeting.

Adjournment.

Evening Session.

Campfire, in which the Comrades of the G. A. R. are requested to join.

XII. It is with pleasure that we record the following from reports for last quarter:

Corps Having Largest Membership.

No. 111—Hutchinson	179
No. 40—Wichita	151
No. 67—Washington	141
No. 9—Lawrence	139
No. 70—Emporia	139
No. 145—Iola	136
No. 43—Manhattan	128
No. 94—Topeka	112
No. 117—Independence	109
No. 76—Parsons	101

Corps Reporting the Largest Membership Gains.

No. 32—Galena	18
No. 66—Topeka	9
No. 197—Beverly	7
No. 84—Cherryvale	6
No. 4—Paola	6
No. 254—Ellis	6
No. 102—Baldwin	5
No. 99—Peabody	4
No. 94—Topeka	4
No. 51—Salina	4
No. 3—Olathe	4

The First Reports Received for Quarter Ending June 30.

No. 33—Osage City.
No. 70—Emporia.
No. 133—Eureka.
No. 35—Caldwell.
No. 75—Severance.

XII. All Corps will send their contributions for the Silver Anniversary of the National Convention to Pauline L. Bentley, Department Treasurer, Mound City, who will report it to the Jubilee Committee, that our Department may have due credit for the same.

XIII. The following Corps have responded to the call for Sunflowers for the National Convention:

No. 37—Burlingame.	No. 42—Hiawatha.
No. 3—Olathe.	No. 156—Harper.
No. 70—Emporia.	No. 71—Newton.
No. 94—Topeka.	No. 230—Derby.

XIV. The quarterly reports will be sent out on September 15. Every Corps President will see that they are properly filled out and promptly returned to the Department Secretary by October 10 with the per capita tax enclosed, made payable to Pauline L. Bentley, Department Treasurer, Mound City. We are pleased to report only two Corps delinquent at this time, and still hope to reinstate them soon.

XV. The Auditing Board will meet in Emporia early in October.

XVI. The Department President received a cordial invitation to attend the reunion at Cherryvale, and very much regretted her ina bility to accept on account of the nearness of the time for the National Convention.

XVII. It is with sorrow that we record the death of Colonel William C. Whitney, Past Commander of the Department of Kansas, Grand Army of the Republic, who died at his home in Cawker City, June 16, 1907. The Woman's Relief Corps unites with the Grand Army of the Republic in paying this tribute to his memory:

"Soldier, rest, thy warfare o'er
Sleep the sleep that knows no waking
Dream of battlefields no more,
Days of danger, nights of waking."

Department Senior Vice President, Flora A. Shearer, mourns the loss of her mother. The sympathy of the Department is extended to her and her famliy in this sad bereavement.

XVIII. The twenty-fifth national convention Woman's Relief Corps, will be held in Saratoga Springs, N. Y., September 12, 13, 1907. Convention will be called to order at 9 o'clock a. m., Thursday, September 12, in the Methodist Episcopal church, located within one block of national headquarters.

XIX. Department headquarters will be established at the United States hotel, Monday morning, September 9. All comrades, members of the Woman's Relief Corps and kindred organizations, will be cordially welcomed.

XX. All delegates and alternates unable to attend the convention, will notify department secretary at once, that vacancies may be filled before leaving the state. Each representative must obtain the national password from her own Corps President. Credential cards will be issued in due time.

XXI. The following will act as reception committee at Kansas headquarters, United States hotel, Saratoga, N. Y.

Past Department President Julia A. Campbell, wife of Commander R. A. Campbell, Hutchinson.
Emma E. Forter, Marysville.
Belle C. Harris, Emporia.
Ida Wilson Moore, Abilene.
Anna H. Hall, Emporia.
Agnes Heigele, Iola.
Emma Papes, Wichita.

XXII. Department headquarters will close in Emporia, September 5, and be reopened in Saratoga, September 9.

XXIII. The department commander will announce later the official route for the Grand Army and the Woman's Relief Corps. The rates at this time are one and one-third fare to Chicago, and $16.50 round trip from Chicago to Saratoga. The knowledge in regard to the trip to Saratoga, thus far, has been very unsatisfactory to Commander Campbell. Any information which he may gain later will be sent direct to the Grand Army Posts, who will communicate it to their auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps.

XXIV. Three copies each of National and Department General Orders are hereby sent, one each for Corps President, Secretary and Treasurer.

By command of MARIAN STRATTON NATION,
Department President.

ANNA H. HALL, Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERTS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
EMPORIA, KANSAS, NOV. 1, 1907.

General Orders
No. 4

I. The twenty-fifth national convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, has passed into history. The first general order of the newly elected president, Kate E. Jones, has been sent to every corps president in the department.

II. The Department of Kansas extends greetings and renews our pledges of loyalty to the newly elected national officers.

III. Our thanks are especially due to Commander Campbell and Adjutant Miller, for their many acts of kindness and courtesy, on our way to Saratoga, and during our stay there.

IV. Kansas was represented by the department president, department secretary, past national senior vice president and three past department presidents and fourteen delegates. Headquarters were established at the United States hotel, with the department commander of G. A. R. Invitations were received and accepted to attend the receptions of the national president, W. R. C., national president of Ladies of G. A. R., also Departments of New York, Indiana, Minnesota, Department of the Potomac, Ohio, Missouri, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Iowa and others.

The cordial welcome extended to us by the committee at Saratoga, the beautiful decorations, the magnificent hotels, and beautiful surroundings, will ever be remembered and associated with the proceedings of the twenty-fifth national convention.

V. The decisions of the convention will be promulgated in future general orders, by the national president and all corps presidents will study them carefully and see that they are obeyed.

VI. The thanks of the department are due to

No. 4—Paola.

No. 40—Wichita.

No. 104—Atchison.

For sunflowers received after general orders No. 3 were issued. The sale of sunflowers at Saratoga amounted to $45.25.

VII. The first reports to be received at headquarters for quarter ending September 30, were from Nos.. 86, Iona, first report; 39, Wabaunsee; 242, Toronto; 87, Glasco; 107, Reading; 146, Lyndon. We congratulate these corps on their promptness.

VIII. The following aides are hereby appointed, who will report to May Murphy, chief of aides, Lawrence, and receive their commissions:

Mary Griffith, No. 254, Ellis.

Emma K. Ingalls, No. 150, Melvern.

Vienna Roberts, No. 241, LaCrosse.

IX. The auditing board met in Emporia, October 23, and audited the books, which were found correct, showing a balance

in all funds of $1342.61. The work occupied one day, and they were pleasantly entertained by Mrs. Eustis.

X. We extend the congratulations of the department to the new corps, Jules Vernes, No. 263, at Oskaloosa, instituted by the department president. They are a fine body of women, loyal and enthusiastic and we wish every success to them. They report having taken in three new members.

XI. The department president desires our time - honored custom of extending a thank offering to our helpless and dependent ones, to be strictly observed, on Thanksgiving Day, also if any corps which has not observed "Citizens' Sunday" with an annual patriotic sermon, to do so, inviting their Post as their guests of honor.

XII. The annual election of corps officers will be held at the first regular meeting in December. Members six months in arrears for dues are not entitled to vote or hold office. Delegates and alternates to next department convention are elected at this meeting. The basis of representation is one delegate and alternate to every thirty-five members in good standing, according to reports for quarter ending September 30, 1907. One additional delegate and alternate is allowed for a fraction over one-half the required sumber.

XIII. The names of all delinquent corps will be reported in next general orders. Will these corps presidents see to it that their corps are reinstated at once?

By command of MARIAN STRATTON NATION,
Department President.

ANNA H. HALL, Department Secretary.

J. M. MILLER
Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Kansas, G. A. R

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
EMPORIA, KANSAS, DEC. 18, 1907.

General Orders
No. 5

I. Quarterly report blanks have been sent to every Corps President, who will see that they are properly filled out and returned to Department Secretary before January 10; also two copies of election returns, Form L, to be filled out by Corps Secretary, immediately after installation, and one copy mailed to the Department Secretary, the other to the I. and I officer Emma B. Bigley, Garden City, by the installing officer. Great care should be taken in filling out these blanks, giving correct names and addresses of President, Secretary, Treasurer and Patriotic Instructor, and the time of meeting, as it is from these returns that the new roster and roll of convention are compiled. In compliance with request of National President in General Orders No. 3, each Corps President will personally or through Corps Secretary, communicate with her member of congress, asking his vote and influence in behalf of the Soldiers' Widows' Pension Bill.

II. National General Orders No. 4, are sent with these orders, also circular letters from National Press Correspondent and Patriotic Instructor of the Woman's Relief Corps and Corps Treasurer's bond.

III. The following decisions are from Kate E. Jones, National President:

First—The Department Treasurer must send the per capita tax receipt to the Corps Treasurer.

Second—Candidates must be balloted on separately.

IV. We extend congratulations to Belle C. Harris, of Emporia, who has been appointed Chief of Staff by our National President, Kate E. Jones. An honor to our own Department, and for which we are grateful.

V. The Department President and Inspector are under obligations to assistant inspectors for faithful work and excellent reports. Especially are we indebted to inspectors accepting at a late date, work assigned to others, and we desire to express to them our appreciation for the same.

VI. Only one Corps in our Department is delinquent at this time.

VII. The attention of Corps is earnestly requested to the letter of the Patriotic Instructor, which accompanies these orders. Teaching patriotism is no longer an experiment; it is one of the principles of our order. Constant and untiring should be the effort of every member of the Woman's Relief Corps along this line of work.

VIII. Anyone desiring a copy of the Journal of the last department convention held at Topeka, can procure one, while they last, by enclosing postage, (5 cents), and addressing Mary M. Carson, Past Department President, Wellington, Kansas.

IX. The newly elected and appointed officers shall be installed at the first regular meeting in January, or at a special meeting called for that purpose. Joint installations with Posts are recommended.

X. District conventions have been reported from Districts Nos. 3, 4 and 5, and have proven again of benefit to our order in the mutual interchange of helpful ideas regarding the work. Enthusiasm has been renewed and we hope to see a large amount of practical work and increased harmony as a distinct result of these meetings.

XI. Our Department Commander Campbell, calls upon every department and Post officer to assist in keeping in touch with the "Old Comrades in Arms" that none who was in the "dews and damps of a thousand camps" should be outside the lines, and if brave, loyal, loving hearts, but make the effort, they will be brought in. I hereby ask every Corps in the Department to tender to the Post to which it is auxiliary, a free will offering, according to its means, to be used as a recruiting fund, from which to pay initiation fees or delinquent dues, of comrades who might otherwise be unable to join the Grand Army Post—as an expression of our deep regard for the Grand Army and sincere appreciation of its invaluable service to our Nation.

XII. Another year has been gathered into the garner of the past, another milestone on the pathway of life has sped swiftly by. The record of twelve months of joys and sorrows, of hopes and disappointments, of life and death, has been made up. We stand on the threshold, and like Janus, can sadly look into the irrevocable past or turn with longing eyes to the New Year, as it eagerly beckons our hastening steps, to glance at the beautiful, clean, white page unfolded for the new beginnings. May it bring to each one sweet peace and contentment. The old year has had many mistakes, and consequently many lessons from which we may profit if we will, but we turn to the New Year with new hopes and aspirations.

"If you have a kind word, say it—
Throbbing hearts soon sink to rest.
If you owe a kindness, pay it—
Life's sun hurries down the West."

With a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

By command of MARIAN STRATTON NATION,
Department President.
ANNA H. HALL, Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
EMPORIA, KANSAS, FEB. 26, 1908.

General Orders
No. 6

I. As the gates of the New Year swing outward at our touch, let us lift our flag to loftier heights, and let us dedicate our beloved Woman's Relief Corps anew to the great purposes that gave it birth. In this first General Orders of 1908, the Department President extends loving greetings to every member. To the newly installed officers, best wishes for a successful year; and to those who have been relieved from duty. personal thanks for faithful service rendered.

II. Three copies of National General Orders, No. 5, are sent with these orders. They should be read at two regular meetings, and all National Aides who have not reported, should do so at once, and receive their commissions.

III. Special attention is called to National Order No. 3, in answer to call for National Journals, Nos. 5, 6 and 7. Also to Order No. 4.

IV. The auditing board met in Emporia, February 6, and audited the books of the Department. The report of the Department Treasurer shows a balance in treasury of $1,584.89.

V. In order that donations to the Southern Memorial Fund may reach their destination by May 1, Corps contributing will send the same to Department Treasurer Pauline L. Bentley, by April 15.

VI. The Department Chaplain desires that each Corps Secretary send her the names of deceased members, who have died during the past year.

VII. Corps No. 75, at Severance, and Corps No. 70, at Emporia, each reports having turned over $10 to its Post, as requested by General Orders No. 4.

VIII. St. Francis, No. 214, is the only Corps in the Department that has not sent the quarterly report ending December 31, 1907.

IX. Quarterly report blanks will be sent to every Corps President before March 15, and must be returned, properly filled out, with per capita tax made payable to Pauline L. Bentley, Department Treasurer, to Department Secretary Anna H. Hall, Emporia, before April 15, that every Corps may be in good standing and have a representation at the annual convention.

X. The new roster for 1908 is in the hands of the printer, and will be out very soon. The delay was caused by the neglect of installing officers in not sending election returns.

XI. The Department extends greetings to the new Corps, Orloff Norton, at LeRoy, No. 264, which was instituted by the Department President, January 8, with fifteen charter members.

XII. The annual convention will be held in Kansas City, Kan., May 19, 20, 21. Headquarters will be established at the

Grund Hotel. Full particulars will be issued in General Orders No. 6. The National President, Kate E. Jones, has signified her desire to be with us at that time. A most cordial welcome awaits her.

XIII. In accordance with national authority, and our annual custom of presenting to the High School in the city entertaining the Department Convention, each Corps is requested to send its annual contribution to the flag fund before April 15, to Pauline L. Bentley, Department Treasurer, Mound City.

XIV. In accordance with resolution No. 2, adopted by the convention, assembled at Topeka, in 1907, the Department President has appointed the following committee on the "Osawatomie Battlefield." Past Department President Ida Wilson Moore, Abilene, Chairman; Julia A. Campbell, Hutchinson; Margaret H. Griffith, Kansas City, Kan.; Mary W. Buckner, Wichita; Cora M. Deputy, Manhattan.

XV. Attention is again called to Decision No. 33, in National General Orders No. 2, viz: That each member of the Woman's Relief Corps be requested to contribute, through the regular channels, the sum of 2 cents each, toward completing the Monument to Loyal Women.

XVI. The following aides are hereby appointed: Leona Nugent, No. 42, Hiawatha; Mary Redrup, No. 264, LeRoy; Dora Woodruff, No. 171, Coffeyville.

XVII. Governor Hoch has appointed Past Department President Ida Wilson Moore, of Abilene, as a representative member from the Woman's Relief Corps to aid the other members appointed from patriotic societies, to solicit funds for the purchase of the historic "Pawnee Rock."

XVIII. Honor roll for Corps sending in the first quarterly reports for quarter ending December 31, 1907: Nos. 118, 107, 200, 146, 65, 230, 199, 86, 194, 33.

XIX. Corps making the largest gain in membership:

No. 40—Wichita	27
No. 9—Lawrence	18
No. 32—Galena	10
No. 149—Norton	9
No. 262—Caney	8
No. 130—Mankato	7
No. 51—Salina	7
No. 190—Troy	6
No. 117—Independence	6
No. 3—Olathe	6

XX. Corps showing largest membership:

No. 111—Hutchinson	175
No. 40—Wichita	175
No. 9—Lawrence	140
No. 70—Emporia	140
No. 67—Washington	135
No. 43—Manhattan	132
No. 94—Topeka	115

No. 145—Iola 113
No. 117—Independence 107
No. 66—Topeka 106

XXI. Corps giving greatest amount in relief, other than money:

No. 24—Osawatomie $134.50
No. 67—Washington 98.00
No. 110—McPherson 85.00
No. 76—Parsons 66.65
No. 111—Hutchinson 50.00
No. 70—Emporia 45.00
No. 6—Junction City 35.00
No. 206—Marysville 45.95
No. 64—Garnett 25.00
No. 75—Severance 45.40

XXII. We cannot forbear speaking of an official visit made to Corps No. 171, at Coffeyville, February 12. Department Commander Campbell, also Past Department Commander Coney made addresses at the Lincoln Day program given by the Post. The beautiful monument erected by Corps No. 171 will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies soon. The cordial welcome, the kindly greetings, and the beautiful flowers given to the Department President, will ever remain a sweet memory of Coffeyville.

By command of MARIAN STRATTON NATION,
Department President.

ANNA H. HALL, Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF NHE REPUBLIC,
EMPORIA, KAESAS, APRIL 1, 1908.

General Orders
No. 7

I. The twenty-fourth annual convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas, is hereby called to meet in Kansas City, Kansas, May 19, 20, and 21, 1908. The convention will be held at the First Presbyterian church, corner of Seventh and Nebraska avenues.

II. Department headquarters will be established at the Grund Hotel, on Monday, May 18, where the following reception committee will welcome all members and friends of the order:

Anna Heacock,	Cora M. Deputy,
M. V. Simmons,	Anna Leland,
Ella Kingscott.	Margaret H. Griffith.

III. Tuesday evening, from 7:30 to 8:30, the department officers and all past department presidents will tender a reception to Commander in Chief Charles G. Burton and staff, Department Commander Campbell and staff, and National President Kate E. Jones, and Chief of Staff Belle C. Harris, and will be pleased to meet all members of the Grand Army, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Sons of Veterans, and their auxiliary and all other friends. Chief of Staff May Murphy and her assistant aides, such as she may select, will be ushers for the evening.

IV. The auditing committee will meet in room No. 109, Grund Hotel, Monday, May 18, at 8 a. m., to make a final auditing of the department books, when they will be turned over to Department Inspector Carrie D. Frisbie for her inspection.

V. The department council will convene in room No. 105, Grund Hotel, Tuesday, May 19, at 1:30 p. m.

VI. The department treasurer will close her books May 15, in order to make her annual report for convention, and all corps needing supplies will procure them before that date.

VII. The new rosters for 1908 have been mailed to every corps president in the department.

VIII. .Contributions to the flag fund must be sent to Pauline L. Bentley, department treasurer, Mound City, so that each corps may be represented in our patriotic offering to the Kansas City High School. The response will be made by J. M. Winslow, Principal.

IX. The national president, Kate E. Jones, through her patriotic instructor's fund will, herself, present to the Colored High School of Kansas City, a flag.

X. Corps wishing to present resolutions or recommendations, will forward the same to the department secretary.

XI. We are glad to announce that St. Francis No. 214—reported as delinquent last quarter—has been reinstated.

XII. Corps presidents are earnestly requested to see that the quarterly reports for March 31, (which have been sent), are properly filled out and returned to the department secretary at once, that they may have representation in the department convention, and also see that your representatives and delegates, secure the department password from you before coming to convention.

XIII. Credential cards accompany these general orders.

XIV. All corps are requested to send a final statement of work done for monuments, that they may have due credit for the same.

XV. The business session of the convention will open at the Presbyterian church at 3 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, May 19. Delegates are expected to be in attendance at that hour, as our national president, Kate E. Jones, can only be with us Tuesday, leaving on the midnight train for the convention in Illinois on Wednesday. This session will be an open one, and a special invitation is extended to department commander and comrades of the Grand Army.

XVI. Tuesday's session will be opened with a pipe organ voluntary by the church organist, followed by an invocation by the pastor of the Presbyterian church. Address of welcome in behalf of Corps Nos. 1, 188, 177 and 22, and any other address of welcome that may be tendered by the city, responded to by Past Department President Mary M. Carson. Address of National President Kate E. Jones, closing with flag presentation to Colored High School, and response by their principal, J. E. Patterson, at 4:30 p. m.

XVII. The following credential committee is hereby appointed:

Anna H. Hall, Department Secretary, Chairman.
Jennie L. V. Brewster, Junior Vice-President.
Agnes Heigele, Past Department Secretary.
Myra Sinclair, No. 37.
Ellen M. Kimball, No. 43.

This committee will be in the parlors at headquarters on Tuesday at 8:30 a. m., and at the church at 1:30 p. m. Delegates are requested to report to them as soon as possible after arriving, and procure their convention badges.

XVIII. Hotel rates: Grund Hotel, $2.00 per day, 50 cents per meal. Metropolitan Hotel, $1.25 per day. All other hotels, $1.00 per day, meals 25 cents. Private homes, $1.00 per day.

XIX. The chairman of the assignment committee is Julia Barackman, No. 32 South Porter Street, Kansas City, Kansas. who will answer all inquiries regarding accommodations, etc.

XX. All persons coming into the union depot at Kansas City, Mo., will go upstairs, east end, and take the elevated street cars, either Quindaro Boulevard, or Chelsea Park going directly

past headquarters at Grund Hotel, where all necessary information can be obtained, regarding assignment, etc.

XXI. Railroad fare will be two cents per mile each way. No other rate can be secured.

XXII. A most cordial welcome awaits every member of the Woman's Relief Corps at department headquarters.

XXIII. Corps chaplain Memorial Day blanks will be sent out with these orders and should be properly filled out and returned within the appointed time, also circular letter No. 2.

XXIV. All corps patriotic instructors are requested to read under head of "Good of the Order," Florence A. Bunn's address, delivered at the flag presentation in Topeka at last convention and found in Mrs. Carson's Journal, page 70.

XXV. All department aides are requested to send a report of their work during the year to Chief of Staff May Murphy, No. 1304 Stewart avenue, Kansas City, Kansas, before May 15.

XXVI. The first twelve quarterly reports received at this office for quarter ending March 1 are: Nos. 118, 199, 179, 107, 155, 73, 146, 122, 33, 200, 29, 104

XVII The department extends congratulations to Parson Brownlow Corps No. 46, which has been reinstated this quarter.

XXVII. The following deaths have been reported to us so far, for the past year, and to each Corps we extend loving sympathy.

In Memoriam.

1907.

Deborah Bennett, W. R. C. No. 102, died February 10.
Mrs. W. D. Hoyt, W. R. C., Army Nurse, died May 15.
Marian Helen Phillips, W. R. C. No. 4, died June 10.
Cordelia Flora Cottle, W R. C., No. 122, died July 15.
Mattie Quakenbush, W. R. C. No. 102, died September 3
Clara C. Emery, W. R. C. No. 20, died October 15.
Lucy Sullivan, W. R. C. No. 102, died October 24.
Mary V. Bowers, W. R. C. No. 102, died October 28.
Taira Skinner, W. R. C. No. 102, died December 10.

1908.

Huldah Christian, W. R. C. No. 79, died January 5.
Caroline A. Quimby, W. R. C. No. 4, died January 8.
Inez Bickle, W. R. C. No. 206, died February 26.
Elizabeth Sheldon, W. R. C. No. 37, died February 14.
Lizzie Smith, W. R. C. No. 9, died February 14.
Jennette Tannehill, W. R. C. No. 221, died March 10.
Sarah Jones, W. R. C. No. 70, died April 1.

XXIX. Victor Corps No. 92 reports having presented its Post with $15 as a Christmas offering, also Newton No. 71 presented its Post with $10.

XXX. All other appointments will be announced at convention.

XXXI. In this, my last general orders, I desire to express my sincere appreciation of the interest shown at all times by Department Commander Campbell in anything pertaining to the Woman's Relief Corps, and of the courtesy extended by himself and staff on every occasion. To my council and every member of the Woman's Relief Corps, whose kind words and messages for success have made my year's work a labor of love, I have only words of thanks. May the fraternal spirit which welcomed me one year ago, go with us down the western slope of life. The utmost harmony and good will has prevailed all through the year, and may "He who is able to keep us from falling" guard you and keep you, and may Heaven's choicest blessings rest upon every member of the Woman's Relief Corps.

By command of MARIAN STRATTON NATION,
Department President.

ANNA H. HALL, Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
EMPORIA, KANSAS, APRIL 1, 1908.

Circular Letter
No. 2

MEMORIAL DAY.

"Crown our heroes, the soldiers on the shore
Where the call of the bugle can wake them no more.
Bring love's fairest offerings with tears and with prayers
And gratefully, sacredly, scatter them there."

I. And let us, too, remember those who sleep where no loving hand can reach them, and only the faithful stars keep vigil, and whether their requiems are sung by the restless waves of old ocean, or the softly sighing winds through Southern pines, they, too are on God's roll-call; and while Memorial Day belongs strictly to the Grand Army, let us, as its auxiliary, assist them to perpetuate the virtues of their fallen comrades, and the memory of a nation's heroes; and as we spread flowers over the graves of our Nation's dead, may the lesson of their loyalty and devotion to the flag and our country, sink deeply into the hearts of the rising generations. Let no soldier's grave, however obscure his resting place, or humble his service, be neglected or forgotten.

Interest the boys and girls; ask them to bring the sweetest, freshest flowers as their offering. Extend a special invitation to the Sons of Veterans and their auxiliary; to assist in the Memorial Day work, believing that this day, of all days in the year, should be held sacred to the memory of those whose lives were given that we might enjoy a free country.

II. Do not forget—those corps located near a stream of water—the beautiful service of our soldier-sailor dead, "but cast bright garlands on the waves."

III. Let each corps attend the Memorial Sunday service with their Post on Sunday preceding Decoration Day.

By command of MARIAN STRATTON NATION,
Department President.
ANNA H. HALL, Department Secretary.

Department Patriotic Instructor,
Anna Heacock, Parsons.

Flag Days.

January 8.—Battle of New Orleans, 1815.
January 29.—Kansas admitted to the Union, 1861.
January 29.—McKinley Day, 1902.
February 12.—Birth of Abraham Lincoln, 1809.
February 22.—Birth of George Washington, 1732.
March 4.—First United States Congress, 1789.
April 9.—Surrender of Lee, 1865.
April 19.—Battle of Lexington, 1775.
April —Arbor Day.
April 30.—Inauguration of Washington, 1789.
May 1.—Dewey Day, 1898.
May 30.—Memorial Day, 1868.
June 14.—Special Flag Day, adoption of Stars and Stripes, 1777.
July 4.—Independence Day, 1776.
September 10.—Perry's Victory, 1815.
September 22.—Emancipation Proclamation, 1862.
October 12.—Discovery of America, 1492.
October 19.—Surrender of Cornwallis, 1781.
December 31.—Landing of the Pilgrims, 1620.

Arrangement of Corps

By Congressional Districts and Counties

Counties—Shawnee, Jefferson, Leavenworth, Atchison, Jackson, Nemaha, Brown, Doniphan.

First District

Shawnee County — Corps 5, 50, 66, 94.
Leavenworth—200.
Atchison—104, 148, 258.
Jefferson—263.
Jackson—15.
Nemaha—44, 238.
Brown—42.
Doniphan—75, 190.

Second District

Counties—Wyandotte, Johnson, Miami, Linn, Bourbon, Allen, Anderson Franklin, Douglas.

Wyandotte County—Corps 1, 22, 177, 188, 234.
Johnson—3, 28, 194.
Miami—4, 24.
Linn—122.
Bourbon—11, 144.
Allen—145.
Anderson—64, 118.
Douglas—109, 102, 113.

Third District

Counties—Crawford, Cherokee, Labette, Neosho, Wilson, Montgomery, Chautauqua, Elk, Cowley.

Crawford County—Corps 98.
Cherokee—31, 32, 259.
Labette—58, 76, 184.
Neosho—90, 261.
Wilson—53, 155, 260.
Montgomery — 80, 84, 117, 262.
Chautauqua—189, 192.
Elk—36, 45, 185.
Cowley—56.

Fourth District

Counties—Osage, Coffey, Woodson, Greenwood, Lyon, Wabaunsee, Pottawatomie, Morris, Chase, Marion.

Osage County—Corps 27, 33, 37, 146, 150.
Coffey—54, 68, 73, 264
Woodson—176, 242.
Greenwood, 133.
Lyon—70, 107, 158.
Wabaunsee—19 39.
Pottawatomie—77.
Morris—72.
Marion—99, 103.

Fifth District

Counties—Marshall, Riley, Geary, Dickinson, Clay, Washington, Republic, Cloud, Ottawa, Saline.

Marshall County—Corps 2, 13, 96, 172, 206.
Riley—43.
Geary—6.
Dickinson—65, 125, 213.
Clay—10, 228.
Washington—48, 67.
Republic—112, 135.
Cloud—47, 74, 79, 87.
Ottawa—20, 239.
Saline—51.

Sixth District

Counties—Jewell, Mitchell, Lincoln, Ellsworth, Russell, Osborne, Smith, Phillips, Rooks, Ellis, Trego, Graham, Norton, Decatur, Sheridan, Gove, Logan, Thomas, Rawlins, Cheyenne, Sherman, Wallace.

Jewell County—Corps 86, 130, 174, 187.
Mitchell—8, 52.
Lincoln—119, 197.
Ellsworth—12.
Osborne—38.
Smith—59, 129, 248.
Phillips—221.
Rooks—26, 29, 255.
Ellis—254.
Norton—146.
Decatur—30.
Rawlins—175.
Cheyenne—214.
Sherman—81, 161.
Wallace—139.

Seventh District

Counties—Rice, Reno, Kingman, Harper, Barber, Pratt, Stafford, Barton, Rush, Pawnee, Edwards, Kiowa, Comanche, Clark, Ford, Hodgeman, Ness, Lane, Scott, Finney, Gray, Meade, Seward, Haskell, Stevens, Grant, Kearney, Wichita, Greeley, Hamilton, Stanton, Morton.

Rice County—Corps 237.
Reno—25, 111, 222.
Harper—156.
Pratt—220.
Stafford—199.
Rush—57, 241.
Pawnee—61.
Kiowa—247.
Ford—92, 179.
Ness—91.
Finney—240.
Hodgeman—41.

Eighth District

Counties—McPherson, Harvey, Sedgwick, Sumner, Butler.

McPherson County—Corps 14, 110, 219.
Harvey—71, 89.
Sedgwick—40, 137, 230.
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